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Graffiti Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2003
5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Update on amendments to the graffiti ordinance – Cathy Garza, Office of Supervisor Gavin Newsom.
4. Presentation by Christopher Putz
5. Presentation by Scott Shaw
6. Discussion of survey, formation of subcommittees, identification of point person and reporting structure for each subcommittee.
7. Discussion of Directory
8. Other items
9. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Chair to three minutes.
10. Adjournment



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Graffiti Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting February 18, 2003

1. Call to Order: Mohammed Nuru, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT

DPW – Mohammed Nuru
MUNI – Ray Favetti
SFPD – Christopher Putz
SFUSD – Peter Schwab
DPT – Peter Rubin

ABSENT

MAYOR – Ron Vinson
JUVENILE PROBATION – Bill Johnson
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Seat 10 – Machaela Hctor
Seat 12 – Deborah Mansfield
Seat 13 – Nino Parker
Seat 14 – Marc Bruno
Seats 2, 3, and 11 are currently vacant

Seat 1 – Gavin Newsom
Seat 8 – John Omernik
Seat 9 – Stephen Shinn

Others present: Ed Lee, Alex Mamak, Rick Pearman, Christine Falvey, Joseph Simon, Scott Shaw, Sandy Cuadra, Gia Grant, Ken Cleaveland, Gideon Kramer, and Milo Hanke.

2. The Acting Chair Mohammed Nuru welcomed committee members to the second official meeting of the Graffiti Advisory Board. DPW Director Ed Lee reiterated the importance of the task force in light of budget cuts. The Advisory Board will face increased responsibility to change people's negative behavior, get to the root causes of graffiti vandalism, and set the agenda for dealing with this serious problem.

3. Ms. Cathy Garza from Supervisor Newsom's office, who was scheduled to give members an update on amendments to the Graffiti Ordinance, was not able to attend tonight's meeting because she had to staff the Supervisor at the full Board meeting.

Mr. Nuru said he believed the amendments were introduced and referred to committee. He will find out what was introduced and provide that information to members. (Note: We have subsequently learned that Supervisor Newsom has not introduced the item. He would like to incorporate the comments from the Advisory Board prior to introducing it to the full Board of Supervisors. Both Ms. Cathy Garza and Deputy City Attorney David Greenburg will be invited to attend the next Advisory Committee meeting to hear the comments directly from members.)

Officer Putz said it was important for the Board to focus on one or two key issues—the most important, in his opinion, being properties that are neglected. He said a lot of progress has already been made at the higher levels of the SFPD and the DA's Office where these cases are prosecuted as a felony, and convictions are high for older taggers who do the most damage.

A discussion followed on the amount of time the city should give property owners to remove graffiti from their property. One opinion was that one-week was sufficient. Mr. Porcoro said he was aware of some properties where the graffiti has remained for the past six or seven years. Mr. Heller said small business owners whose property keeps on getting tagged should not be penalized by the proposed ordinance. Ms. Hctor said the ordinance provides an automatic seven-day extension and the DPW Director can also make exceptions for hardship cases.

4. Officer Putz showed a 10 minute graffiti abatement video that included reference to a rewards program started by David Heller and the Geary Neighborhood Merchants Association.
5. Scott Shaw, DPW, made a presentation on what the Department currently does to abate graffiti, and provide property owners with many different options for removing graffiti from their property. He mentioned the difficulty of getting releases and of finding out if a property was public or private. When the Department responds to a specific complaint the goal is to address graffiti on the entire block. He referred to maps that show the amount of work the SFPD and DPW undertake in one year to remove graffiti from both public and private property.

Mr. Nuru said under the proposed legislation property owners will be held accountable for removing graffiti from their property. If the graffiti is ignored, professional painters will do the work, an invoice will be sent to the property owner, and if it is not paid a lien will be placed on the property.

Mr. Shaw described the code enforcement task force meetings he attends with the City Attorney's office on the second Tuesday of the month. At these meetings specific buildings that are heavily blighted are inspected and an order is issued to the property owners to abate the graffiti. Ms. Hctor said it was important to get the City Attorney's office involved in these severe cases. Under the proposed ordinance the City Attorney can send out a demand letter and recover its fees if the problem is not abated. She invited members to call her at (415) 554-3850 for assistance.

Mr. Heller said it was not proper to focus just on the small business community. He said the merchants along Geary Boulevard have to fight graffiti everyday. Educating

the merchants was a big help and his model would work in other merchant corridors such as along Valencia Street, which has recently been tagged by graffiti vandals.

Mr. Cleveland said BOMA members assessed their own property; provide on-site management and janitorial staff. Many properties are located in the BID area. In some cases where many buildings are involved costs can be reduced by designating a private company to remove all the graffiti or replace glass that has been damaged by vandals. It is essential that communication between tenants and property owners be established since some property owners who do not visit their buildings often may not be aware of the maintenance needs.

After some discussion, committee members agreed that property owners whose buildings are plagued by graffiti should receive all the help they can get.

6. Mr. Nuru provided an update on: meetings between DPW, various Supervisors, and the District Attorney's office to discuss a quality of life court; DPW's new neighborhood revitalization efforts focusing on merchant corridors; and a review of San Jose's blight ordinance that provides a consistent and streamlined system of enforcement. Further details will be provided at the next meeting; the City Attorney's Office will be asked to make a presentation.

Officer Putz said it was important to hear graffiti vandalism cases in the regular courts as the community court system does not handle misdemeanors or felonies. Mr. Nuru said he was trying to get out of the community court system; littering violations should also go to the regular court.

7. Mr. Mamak talked about the Directory DPW was preparing. He said it was a work in progress. Committee members and city agencies that remove graffiti were recently given a one-page questionnaire to complete. That data, along with information on partnerships, and other useful information will be incorporated into the directory.

Public Comment: A request was made of the committee to consider the current blight on Valencia around 14th street—nearly every storefront window has been destroyed by etching. Another request was to consider the problem of utility boxes on the street as they are an open invitation to graffiti vandals.

Final Comment from the Chair: Mr. Nuru thanked everyone for coming. He asked members to consider appointing a permanent Chairperson at the next meeting.

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 5:30 p.m., in Room 201, City Hall.

Mr. Nuru adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Alex Mamak
Recording Secretary



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1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Update on amendments to the graffiti ordinance – Cathy Garza, Office of Supervisor Gavin Newsom, and David A. Greenburg, Deputy City Attorney.
4. Members of the Advisory Board to be assigned to Graffiti Advisory Committees. Discussion on how these committees should function – Action Item.
5. Members of the Advisory Board to designate the Chair of the Advisory Board – Action Item
6. Presentation of a one-stop Quality of Life Court – Rosa Sanchez, Deputy District Attorney
7. Other items
8. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Chair to three minutes.
9. Adjournment



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Minutes of Meeting
March 18, 2003

1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT

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Seat 12 – Ken Cleveland (Excused)

Seat 2 (Youth Court) is currently vacant

Others present: Ed Lee, Alex Mamak, Scott Shaw, Sandy Cuadra, Gia Grant, Gideon Kramer, Milo Hanke, Amiee Albertson, Robert Hertan, Laurel Muniz, and Greg Martin.

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** The Acting Chair Mohammed Nuru welcomed committee members to the third official meeting of the Graffiti Advisory Board. He called on Cathy Garza Legislative Aide to Supervisor Newsom, and Dave Greenburg, Deputy City Attorney, to provide an update on the proposed graffiti amendments to the ordinance.

3. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAFFITI ORDINANCE:** Ms. Garza said the file was closed, meaning that the proposed amendments to the ordinance have been withdrawn by the Supervisor as a courtesy to the Graffiti Advisory Board.

The language in the proposed amendments to the ordinance is open to discussion. The Supervisor will consider all comments from the public, including the Graffiti Advisory Board and the Small Business Commission, and will weigh them against the recommendations from the Department of Public Works before crafting the final version.

Mr. Nuru recalled that extensive discussions had already occurred at the two previous meetings of the Graffiti Advisory Board with specific recommendations from the San Francisco Apartment Owner's Association, Gideon Kramer, and Ken Cleveland from BOMA. He said these should be taken into consideration as each member around the table comments on the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Definition of Graffiti

Mr. David Heller said he wanted the words "marked, etched, and scratched" removed from the definition of graffiti – Section 1302 (c), line 23. He said it was very costly to the small business owner to have to repeatedly replace storefront windows that have been etched by vandals. There followed a lengthy debate on Mr. Heller's recommendation resulting in the following comments:

Etching is blight and is already included in the present ordinance.
It would be a step backward to remove it from the definition.

Glass etching is just beginning to hit other municipalities and is becoming a major problem.

There should be increased enforcement and fines for etching.

Glass etchings, like other forms of graffiti, tend to spread if they are not removed in a timely manner.

Etchings could be treated as a special condition with the Director giving special consideration to property owners in dealing with the problem.

Mr. Nuru said it was clear that more thought needs to be given to "etching" in the proposed amendments to the ordinance and he suggested tabling this item until the next meeting after some more research on the matter.

Action Item: DPW will research how other cities are dealing with the problem of etching and report the findings to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Gideon Kramer said a more accurate definition in the ordinance is needed and he suggested the term "defacement" to cover wheat pasting, etchings, etc. Board members agreed.

Mr. Nuru asked Mr. Greenburg, Deputy City Attorney, to take note of Mr. Kramer's request and to add "defacement" to the definition.

Mr. Kramer added that the underlying issue is enforcement and he hopes the City will put together a solid and comprehensive package to go after "really bad" graffiti.

Extension of Time

Mr. Nuru read recommendations put forth by BOMA—a time extension of 15 business days and a Final Notice requirement in consideration of property owners who lived away from their property.

After some discussion, Mr. Greenburg clarified the time extension allowed in the proposed amendment.

He said the property owner has seven business days to remove the graffiti OR request a hearing before the Director. If the property owner does not remove the graffiti OR request a hearing within the seven business days, the Director may initiate proceedings to enter the property and abate the graffiti at the owner's expense.

Within the initial response period of seven business days, the property owner may receive an extension of an additional seven business days in which to remove the graffiti. Furthermore, the Director has the discretion to grant an extension for a longer period of time for such conditions as extent of graffiti, difficulty in accessing the graffiti, or financial burden on the owner.

In general, members felt that the proposed amendment provided sufficient time to the property owner to abate the graffiti. Mr. Ed Lee said DPW would have to get a court order before it could enter the property to abate the graffiti. This would take some time. Some members felt that property owners should treat graffiti in the same way as a plumbing or other emergency to the property. Moreover, graffiti is generally on the property for some time before the City comes around to issuing a notice of violation.

After extensive discussion, members unanimously agreed that the property owner should be given a flat 14 business days to remove the graffiti or request a hearing before the Director. The amendment providing an extension of seven additional days should be eliminated.

Ms. Garza said she intends to bring the discussion of time extension and other matters pertaining to the proposed ordinance to another level, namely the Small Business Commission, and she was prepared to do so without including the recommendations from BOMA.

Graffiti on Public Property, Newsracks, and Vehicles

Responding to a question about removal of graffiti on public property, Mr. Nuru said DPW and non-profit programs normally remove the graffiti from utility boxes and the like if the responsible parties do not remove it in a timely manner. Mr. Lee said as part of DPW's permitting process the responsible parties are specifically requested to take care of their street furniture.

JCDecaux regularly maintains its street furniture, while ADSHEL will maintain the new pedestal mounted newsracks once they are introduced later this year.

In response to concerns about graffiti on vehicles and on newsracks, Mr. Nuru proposed two action items:

Action Item: DPW will do some research on enforcement issues related to graffiti on vehicles.

Action Item: Dan Brugmann, Manager of the Newsrack Program, will be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss enforcement of the current newsrack program and how and when the new pedestal mounted newsracks will be introduced.

Mr. Lee said he intended to increase enforcement of the remaining single standing newsracks after the pedestal-mounted racks are introduced.

4. **ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEES:** Mr. Nuru said previous meetings of the Board had identified many important issues and tasks that needed to be worked on. They were grouped under one of three proposed committees—Education and Outreach, Enforcement and Judicial Matters, and the new Graffiti Ordinance. One suggestion was for members to decide which committee they would like to serve on, prioritize and work on the issues, and bring them to the full Board for final discussion and resolution. In this way members would dictate what the agenda should be.

The majority of members said it was too time consuming to serve on separate committees. It was agreed that rather than assign members to a committee, the full Board tackle one issue at a time, beginning with the proposed amendments to the Graffiti Ordinance.

5. **DESIGNATING THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Nuru was unanimously selected by Board members to chair the Graffiti Advisory Board. Mr. Bruno then proposed that a non-City representative be given this function. It was agreed that at the next meeting a non-City representative from the Board would be designated co-chair.
6. **ONE-STOP QUALITY OF LIFE COURT PRESENTATION:** Mr. Nuru said presentation of this item is postponed until further notice. The District Attorney's office is still trying to figure out what type of court system to establish and what citations to attach to this system. Once an appropriate system is in place the City will make sure that it is followed up with stringent enforcement.

Officer Putz said the present community court system couldn't issue bench warrants or suspend licenses. He supports a quality of life court system with a Commissioner or Judge sympathetic to enforcement.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Nuru thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 5:30 p.m., in Room 201, City Hall.

Mr. Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Mamak



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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Update on the Ordinance
4. Enforcement of the current news rack program and how and when the new pedestal mounted news racks will be introduced—presentation by Dan Bruggmann, Manager of the DPW News rack Program
5. Research on enforcement issues related to glass tagging and graffiti on vehicles—presentation by Alex Mamak, DPW Director of Public Affairs
6. Presentation on the City of San Jose's survey-based anti-graffiti program, the software program to cite neglectful property owners, and an educational outreach program to business owners to reduce or prevent damage to glass—presentation by Gordon Castro and Rob Boyles—City of San Jose's Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program
7. Advisory Board to select the next issue to work on—Action Item
8. Members of the Advisory Board to designate a non-City representative Co-Chair of the Advisory Board – Action Item
9. Other items
10. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Chair to three minutes.
11. Adjournment

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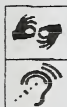
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April 22, 2003

1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT

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SFPD – Christopher Putz
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Others present: Ed Lee, Alex Mamak, Christine Falvey, Scott Shaw, Alex Chanco, Sandy Cuadra, Dan Brugmann, David Greenburg, Amiee Albertson, Gordon Castro and Rob Boyles of the City of San Jose's Anti-Graffiti Program.

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** The Co-Chair Mohammed Nuru welcomed committee members to the fourth official meeting of the Graffiti Advisory Board. He welcomed our guests Gordon Castro and Rob Boyles from the City of San Jose and called on them to make their presentations.

3. **CITY OF SAN JOSE ANTI-GRAFFITI PROGRAM:** Mr. Gordon Castro, Senior Maintenance Worker, spoke first. He said the City of San Jose approached the problem of graffiti as if it was "garbage", i.e., to be treated like garbage. He outlined the City's \$2.5 million anti-graffiti program (attachment in mail) and said San Jose was 97% graffiti free. The program employs a staff of 10 and uses four service trucks. Paint matching is done in the office. The success of the program is due in large part to the Adopt-A-Block volunteer component that Mr. Boyles later addressed.

Property owners are responsible for removing graffiti from their property. The City will remove graffiti once every six months at no charge. Property owners have 10 days to address subsequent graffiti then it goes to code enforcement handled by a staff of three. Fines begin at \$250. The City recently provided a one-time grant of \$150,000 to assist merchants in repairing or replacing glass tags in the downtown area, in exchange for a three-year maintenance commitment from them.

Mr. Castro then spoke of some glass etching preventive measures and referred to a product called Vandal Shield.

In response to questions, Mr. Castro said other city agencies like the school district are responsible for removing its own graffiti. Gang graffiti is addressed within 24 hours, however, less than 4% of the graffiti is gang-related.

Mr. Rob Boyles, Volunteer Coordinator, said he was pulled out of retirement four years ago to conduct outreach and recruit volunteers. From a beginning of 250 volunteers the program today has 2,700 volunteers. Volunteers are given supplies and remove as little or as much graffiti as they want. They take care of their own neighborhood and do not have to report to anyone.

Mr. Boyles said the key to success is having a committed and passionate volunteer coordinator, attending community and business meetings, and having the paint (limited to four colors) and other supplies available for distribution at these meetings. Many children and young adults are recruited but if they are under 18 parental consent is required. He said it is just as important to keep the volunteers. Mr. Boyles tries to call at least 10 volunteers every day to thank them.

Mr. Nuru asked if he met with the resistance commonly expressed here that "It is the City's responsibility, not mine". Mr. Boyles said this was the initial response of some people but he would tell them the problem is too big for a city agency to handle and it would continue to be a problem without their help.

With respect to the timely repair of glass taggings, Mr. Boyles said he understood where the "victimized" merchant was coming from. His response is to point out that the merchant was losing income because of the visual blight.

4. **DPW NEWSRACK PROGRAM:** Mr. Dan Brugmann, Manager of the DPW news rack program, provided an overview of the current program. He said there is a set of regulations that publishers must follow. There are approximately 13,000 free standing newsracks in the City. There are no limits in terms of the number of

racks that publishers can install, but they must be properly maintained. To date, 2,500 citations have been issued for improperly maintained and abandoned newsracks, and 900 have been seized—each resulting in a \$50 fine. Publishers have 10 days to respond to a complaint before a newsrack is ceased. Beginning later this year, the first of a total of 1,000 pedestal-mounted newsracks will be installed and maintained by a vendor, beginning at Market and Van Ness to the Embarcadero, and later extending to various other parts of the city. Four hundred and eighty five of the downtown newsracks will be allowed to carry advertising thus making the program free of cost to the city. Publishers will be charged an annual fee of \$30 for box space.

5. **UPDATE ON THE ORDINANCE:** Ms. Kathy Garza provided members with an update on the proposed amendments to the graffiti ordinance and handed out the latest version (attachment in mail). The word "etching" has been removed and will be dealt with in a separate ordinance. The final proposal will be based on feedback from the Advisory Board and the Small Business Commission before it is submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. John Gray pointed to a loophole in the proposed ordinance, namely the omission of graffiti on vehicles. Mr. Nuru said any omission can be added later. It is important not to complicate the process and to get the present proposal through. He said the department has been working on a draft Blight Ordinance and recently Supervisor Fiona Ma had expressed a lot of interest in the proposal.

Mr. Nuru said it was important for the members of the Advisory Board to attend meetings and to let the Small Business Commission and others know how strongly they feel about the new Graffiti ordinance.

6. **PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS FROM RESEARCH ON GLASS TAGGING AND GRAFFITI ON VEHICLES:** Mr. Alex Mamak summarized his research findings on on glass tagging and graffiti on vehicles.

With respect to glass tagging, the cities examined acknowledge that glass tagging is a highly destructive form of graffiti and is becoming more severe. Glass tagging is included in most definitions of graffiti and cities require property owners to repair or replace damaged glass in a timely manner. However, they also acknowledge the expense involved and prefer to focus on (1) educating merchants about inexpensive techniques for repair or prevention; (2) apprehending and convicting taggers and seeking monetary restitution; (3) putting glass cutting and etching materials under lock and key and prohibiting the sale to minors; and (4) offering monetary rewards for the apprehension of vandals.

With respect to graffiti on vehicles, Daly City considers it a visual blight and a section in its public nuisance code lists the violation and penalties involved. However, Daly City has not been successful in enforcing this section of the code.

7. **SELECTION OF CO-CHAIR:** Mr. David Heller expressed interest in serving as a Co-Chair along with Mr. Anthony Bruno. Rather than have three co-chairs, Mr. Bruno and Mr. Heller agreed to each serve for a three-month period with the approval of the Board. This will be put to a vote at the next Advisory Board meeting.
8. **OTHER ITEMS:** Officer Christopher Putz said the SFPD had recently convened a grand jury to review a number of high profile graffiti cases. As a result, several people who came together solely for the purpose of committing felony graffiti crimes were just indicted. Arrest warrants of up to \$250,000 have been issued to the five people indicted. The matter will be presented to the Police Commission at the Richmond Police Station at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2003.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Nuru thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at 5:30 p.m., in Room 201, City Hall.

Mr. Nuru adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Alex Mamak
Recording Secretary

Attachment: City of San Jose Anti-Graffiti Program



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Graffiti Advisory Board

Tuesday, May 20, 2003
5:30 p.m., City Hall, Room 201
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Discuss and Support the new Ordinance—Action Item
4. Designate a non-City representative Co-Chair—Action Item
5. Discuss the creation of an outreach and volunteer recruitment program similar to the San Jose Anti-Litter Program
6. Other items
7. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Chair to three minutes.
8. Adjournment

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Graffiti Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
May 20, 2003

1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT

DPW – Mohammed Nuru
DPT – Peter Rubin Sent MEW
MUNI – Ray Favetti
JUVENILE PROBATION – Bill Johnston
MAYOR – Ron Vinson
SFUSD – Peter Schwab
SHERIFF – Jonathan Gray

ABSENT

SFPD – Chris Putz (excused)
RecPark – Joe Padilla

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Seat 2 (Youth Court) is currently vacant

Others present: Ed Lee (DPW), Alex Mamak (DPW), Chris Montgomery (DPW), Joseph Simon (DPW), Christine Falvey (DPW), Scott Shaw (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), Ron Fazzio (SFHA), David Greenburg (City Attorney), Amiee Albertson (Chamber)

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** The Co-Chair, Mohammed Nuru, welcomed committee members to the fifth official meeting of the Graffiti Advisory Board and announced Public Works Week activities scheduled for the week of May 19th and invited taskforce members to participate.

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3. **Proposed amendments to Public Works Code Article 23, governing removal of graffiti from private property:** Mr. Nuru asked for feedback on the latest draft of the graffiti ordinance noting that BOMA is communicating directly with Supervisor Newsom's office. Mr. Bruno suggested that the incentives and penalties in the ordinance were appropriate. Mr. Nuru asked for consensus on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Heller suggested 15 working days for removal of graffiti. Ms. Albertson of the Chamber offered to work with Norcal to get free paint for the program. Mr. Gray of the Sheriff's office suggested adding the word "affix" to the ordinance to deal with slap tags. Ms. Viera made a motion to accept the ordinance as is. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion. A second motion was made to add the word "affix" to the ordinance and was accepted. A vote of 6 yeses and 2 nos was recorded to recommend the ordinance, with the word 'affix' added, to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cleveland of BOMA asked that the motion be rescinded and that each item in the ordinance be voted on separately. A motion was put forward and seconded to rescind the vote. A vote of 5 no votes and 2 yes votes were recorded and the motion to rescind the previous vote did not pass. Ms. Garza and Ms. Hocter abstained from voting.
4. **Designate a non-City representative Co-Chair:** Mr. Bruno suggested that any member who wished to serve as co-chair should nominate himself. Mr. Bruno nominated himself as co-chair and Mr. Heller nominated himself to serve as co-chair. A vote of 7 for each was recorded. A second vote was taken and Mr. Heller received 5 votes and Mr. Bruno received 7 votes. A recommendation was made to make the term of co-chair one year.
5. **Outreach and Volunteer Recruitment Program:** Ms. Viera asked Director Lee if a DPW staff person could be assigned to run a graffiti volunteer program. Mr. Nuru suggested that the Clean City Coalition should be considered to run the community organizing function of the program. Director Lee asked for the group to identify goals for the volunteer outreach and education program and suggested that quantifying tags and removal would be key to the program and suggested creating a database to keep track of the program. Mr. Nuru suggested collecting data of where graffiti is, dividing the city by blocks and recruiting volunteers who will take responsibility for those blocks as well as making graffiti vandals responsible for the areas they have tagged, similar to the San Jose program. Mr. Bruno suggested recruiting volunteers at churches and homeless shelters. Ms. Cuadra of DPW explained that all volunteers would need training. Mr. Heller suggested that the Graffiti Task Force can be used to influence judges to increase the hours offenders receive. DPW will explore the ideas before the next meeting. DPW will also prepare data that is already collected and organized regarding graffiti and bring it to the next meeting as a starting point.
6. **New Business:** A suggestion was made to add an item to the next agenda to define term limits for non-citizen and citizen co-chair as well as for task force members.
7. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
8. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 201, City Hall.

Respectfully submitted.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Update on proposed Graffiti Abatement Outreach and Volunteer Program
4. Define Term limits for Co-Chairs and Task Force Members - (Information only)
5. Discussion of graffiti vandal prosecutions – Guest Speaker
6. New Business
7. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
8. Adjournment



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Minutes of Meeting
June 17, 2003

1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT

DPW – Mohammed Nuru
DPT – Peter Rubin
RECPARK – Joe Padilla
JUVENILE PROBATION – Bill Johnston
MAYOR – Ron Vinson
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ABSENT

MUNI – Ray Favetti
SFUSD - Peter Schwab (excused)

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Seat 4 – Julia Viera (excused)
Seat 7 – Paul Giusti
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Others present: Ed Lee (DPW), Chris Montgomery (DPW), Joseph Simon (DPW), Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), Ray Zahnd (DPW), Gia Grant (SF Clean City Coalition)

2. **Proposed Anti-Graffiti Outreach and Volunteer Program:** Mohammed Nuru presented a draft model for the proposed San Francisco Anti-Graffiti Program in which volunteers and/or groups are assigned in each district to hot spot corridors and commit for time periods of at least two years. He suggested replicating Gideon Cramer and Joe Porcoro's anti-graffiti efforts by creating zones and having people or groups responsible for keeping them graffiti-free. He asked for comments: Ron Vinson suggested using Project 20 volunteers; Ken Cleaveland suggested providing volunteers with badges, vests, certificates of appreciation and to investigate what kind of workers comp. insurance might be needed; John Gray suggested using other organizations databases to find volunteers; David Heller suggested going to Police meetings to recruit volunteers; Harry Dorfman suggested that volunteers be provided

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with cameras to document evidence for police; Gideon Cramer suggested having volunteers paint out around where they live or work to create a sense of ownership in their respective communities; Gia Grant suggested using Clean Team database to start recruitment and target organized volunteer groups; David Heller suggested setting up a group to go and speak at community meetings by district; Joe Porcoro suggested that volunteer commitment would expand as corridors became clean and volunteer expanded the area they cover; John Gray reported that keeping all of the street furniture the same color is helpful for painting out graffiti; and Officer Putz suggested finding a volunteer coordinator for the program.

Mohammed reported that DPW will consider all of the feedback and make a formal presentation at the next Graffiti Task Force meeting.

3. **Discussion of graffiti vandal prosecutions:** Assistant District Attorney Harry Dorfman presented information on what the District Attorney's office is doing regarding graffiti prosecutions. He emphasized that property owners and the public need to report tags and testify during graffiti cases and that it is important for volunteers and property owners to help gather evidence by taking photos of tags before they are painted over. Mohammed Nuru asked if graffiti vandals could be held responsible for keeping certain blocks in the city graffiti-free as part of their sentence, and Mr. Dorfman thought it was a reasonable condition of probation for graffiti offenders. He reported that a challenge in the district attorney's offices is that there are sometimes no consequences when offenders violate their probation. Mr. Dorfman reported that the penalties for graffiti taggers were severe enough, but that judges needed to issue more severe sentences. Machaela Hctor suggested educating judges about the fiscal impact of graffiti damage and educate them about alternative sentencing. John Gray suggested sending a letter from the Task Force to judges to educate them. Marc Bruno suggested asking a former graffiti vandal to speak to the Task Force for educational purposes.
4. **Term Limits:** The group discussed term limits for the co-chairs and members of the Task Force. Christine Falvey reported that establishing term limits for members would require board action, but that the group can establish limits for the co-chairs internally. Ken Cleaveland stated turn over would be positive to allow a variety of people to serve on the Task Force. Machaela Hctor suggested staggered terms for continuity; Marc Bruno suggested a one-year term for chairs with a one-year extension. No action necessary at this time.
5. **New Business:** No new business identified.
6. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
7. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 201, City Hall.

Respectfully submitted.
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**Tuesday, August 19, 2003
5:30 p.m.**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Update on Graffiti Ordinance (Information only)
4. Presentation of proposed Graffiti Abatement Outreach and Volunteer Program (Information only)
5. Vote on term limits for Co-Chairs and Task Force Members - (Action Item)
6. New Business
7. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
8. Adjournment

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Minutes of Meeting
August 19, 2003

1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and took roll.

PRESENT

DPW – Mohammed Nuru
RECPARK – Joe Padilla
SFUSD – Peter Schwab
JUVENILE PROBATION – Bill Johnston
MAYOR – Ron Vinson
SFPD – Chris Putz
SFUSD – Peter Schwab
SHERIFF – Jonathan Gray

ABSENT

MUNI – Ray Favetti
DPT – Peter Rubin

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Seat 14- Gideon Kramer
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Seat 4 – Julia Viera (excused)
Seat 6 – David Heller (excused)
Seat 8 – John Omernik

Others present: Ed Lee (DPW), Chris Montgomery (DPW), Scott Shaw (DPW), Joseph Simon (DPW), Joseph Padilla (RecPark), Shih Wei Lu (DPW), Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), Ray Zahnd (DPW), Gia Grant (SF Clean City Coalition), Amiee Albertson (SF Chamber), Milo Hanke (SF Beautiful), John Grey (DPT)

2. **Update on Graffiti Ordinance:** Cathy Garza of Supervisor Newsom's Office gave an update on the graffiti ordinance. The legislation has been sent to the Small Business Commission to allow them to take a position on the legislation. The next steps are for Supervisor Newsom to bring the legislation to the board where it would be assigned under a 30-day rule and assigned to a committee for consideration and public comment. After the committee considers the legislation, it can send the legislation to the full board with or without a recommendation for a vote. The next board meeting is on September 16, 2003. Mohammed Nuru moved to keep the

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Graffiti Advisory Board's endorsement to recommend the graffiti ordinance intact and use the committee hearing and public comment process to revise or give further comment. Officer Putz stated that a unanimous vote to endorse would send a stronger message. Gideon Kramer stressed that strict time limits are needed to decrease additional incidences of graffiti. Ken Cleaveland stated that his proposed compromise targets negligent building owners and allows others time to respond to vandalism. Ken Cleaveland asked if the Graffiti Advisory Board could take a position on the proposed amended Sign Ordinance. Marc Bruno suggested getting the graffiti ordinance language finalized before reviewing additional ordinance language. It was suggested that the city attorney make a presentation at the next meeting about rules of endorsing ordinances outside of the graffiti ordinance.

3. **Presentation of proposed Graffiti Abatement Outreach and Volunteer Program:** Mohammed Nuru presented a comprehensive anti-graffiti volunteer program focused on merchant corridors and graffiti hot spots. DPW staff tracked and reported on graffiti hot spots and will link up volunteer efforts with heavily tagged corridors. He asked that the Advisory Board take a role by attending community meetings to recruit potential applicants/volunteers. He reported that volunteers would paint public and private property. He then asked for input. Deborah Mansfield stated that board members might not have time to attend community meetings. Officer Putz suggested using interns to coordinate meeting participation. Officer Putz stated that Advisory Board should send a consistent message to private property owners regarding graffiti responsibility and that the program might result in private property owners taking advantage by expecting volunteers to paint out their property. Machaela Hctor suggested sending the program outline to the city attorney to review for potential city liability issues. Ron Vinson suggested using Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services staff to get applications to forward to DPW.
4. **Term Limits:** Mohammed Nuru moved to table this item for the next meeting when City Attorney could be present to discuss. Cathy Garza seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.
5. **New Business:** Members asked that the city attorney be available at the next meeting for questions about the sunshine ordinance, sign ordinance endorsement and a discussion of stationery/letterhead for Graffiti Advisory Board members to communicate issues on graffiti to other agencies.
6. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
7. **Adjournment:** Mr. Bruno adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 16, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 201, City Hall.

Respectfully submitted.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Term limits for Co-Chairs and Task Force Members (Discussion Item)
4. Sunshine Ordinance Follow Up Questions (Discussion Item)
5. Endorsement of proposed Sign Ordinance (Discussion Item)
6. Develop Letterhead for purposes of Graffiti Advisory Board Advocacy (Discussion Item)
7. Update on Volunteer Outreach Program (Information Only)
8. New Business
9. Public Comment -- The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
10. Adjournment



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Minutes of Meeting
September 16, 2003**

1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. and asked for introductions.

PRESENT

DPW – Mohammed Nuru
MUNI – Ray Favetti
DPT – Peter Rubin
MAYOR – Ron Vinson
JUVENILE PROBATION – Bill Johnston

ABSENT

RECPARK – Joe Padilla
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Seat 2 (Youth Court) is currently vacant

Others present: Ed Lee (DPW), Chris Montgomery (DPW), Joseph Simon (DPW), Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), Milo Hanke (SF Beautiful), David Greenburg (City Attorney), George Schultz (Bay Guardian)

2. **Term limits for Co-Chairs and Task Force Members (Discussion Item)**

City Attorney David Greenburg reported that the Graffiti Advisory Board is free to develop bylaws/rules of order and put any desired term limits for co-chairs in the document. Marc Bruno reported that he would gather bylaws from similar advisory boards and give to Christine Falvey to disseminate to the group for discussion at the next meeting. David Greenburg reported that specific term limits for members requires a change in the enabling legislation. A letter from the Graffiti Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors would suffice.

3. **Sunshine Ordinance Follow Up Questions (Discussion Item)**

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David Greenburg gave a brief presentation on the Sunshine Ordinance. He emphasized that outside communication between three or more committee members was prohibited.

4. Endorsement of proposed Sign Ordinance (Discussion Item)

Gideon Kramer gave a brief presentation of the Sign Ordinance being introduced by Supervisor Fiona Ma. Gideon asked if the Graffiti Advisory Board could endorse the ordinance. David Greenburg informed the group that since the item was listed as a Discussion Item, no action could be taken at the current meeting. Mohammed Nuru suggested going to the hearing in support of the ordinance and identifying yourself as a member of the Graffiti Advisory Board, instead of the entire board endorsing the legislation. Cathy Garza suggested contacting Supervisor Ma's office if the group were to consider endorsing the legislation in some form.

5. Develop Letterhead for purposes of Graffiti Advisory Board Advocacy (Discussion Item)

David Greenburg informed the group that there was no legal requirement for the group to have letterhead. This item was tabled.

6. Update on Volunteer Outreach Program (Information Only)

Mohammed Nuru and Joseph Simon gave an update on the Graffiti Outreach and Abatement Program and distributed a draft program outline.

7. New Business:

Mohammed Nuru encouraged members to attend a press conference regarding DPW's role in taking down illegal signs on Thursday, September 18th at 11:30 a.m. at Haight & Steiner streets. Marc Bruno asked that approval of minutes be added as an agenda item at subsequent meetings. He also suggested inviting a guest speaker knowledgeable in graffiti, possibly a graffiti artist. David Heller objected. Joseph Simon suggested inviting an academic familiar with graffiti vandalism. No action was taken. Mohammed Nuru asked that the next meeting be scheduled for November to give DPW more time to prepare.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Marc Bruno adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 201, City Hall.

Respectfully submitted.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
3. Rules of Order – Discussion and Possible Action Item
4. Update on Anti-Graffiti Program – Information and Possible Discussion Item
5. New Business
6. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
7. Adjournment



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**Graffiti Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
November 18, 2003**

1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and asked for introductions.

PRESENT

DPW – Mohammed Nuru
JUV. PROBATION, Bill Johnston
SFPD – Chris Putz
SFUSD - Peter Schwab

ABSENT

RECPARK – Joe Padilla
SHERIFF- Jonathan Gray
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Others present: Ed Lee (DPW), Joseph Simon (DPW), Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), David Greenburg (City Attorney), Scott Shaw (DPW), Gia Grant (Clean City Coalition)

2. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

No quorum to approve minutes.

3. **Rules of Order – Discussion and Possible Action Item**

Deputy City Attorney David Greenberg clarified the distinction between By-Laws and Meeting Rules. By-Laws outline the basic framework of the Board, e.g. positions, committees, etc.. Meeting rules are guidance on how to conduct meeting and take action, e.g. Roberts Rules of Order.

Actions

- Peter Schwab motioned that Roberts Rules of Order be adopted as meeting Rules. Motion passed 10-0.
- William Cleaveland motioned that the Board use the Alcohol Advisory Board's By-Laws as a template for the Graffiti Advisory Board's By-Laws. Motion passed 10-0.
- Peter Schwab motioned that the two Co-Chairs, currently Mr. Mark Bruno and DPW Deputy Director Mohammed Nuru, alternate chairing meetings. Motion passed 10-1.
- Peter Schwab proposed that members provide a summary of their Anti-Graffiti activities by next meeting. Motion passed 10-0.
- Gideon Kramer offered to draft a letter on behalf of the Board inquiring to other agencies about their anti-graffiti enforcement. Peter Schwab motioned that the Board at the next meeting review the draft letter. Motion passed 10-0.

4. Update on Volunteer Outreach Program (Information Only)

Department of Public Works' Public Information Officer Joseph F. Simon, Jr. reported on the progress of the San Francisco Anti-Graffiti Program, a program sponsored by DPW to enlist the support of volunteers and community organizations in eliminating graffiti from commercial corridors throughout the City.

To date, DPW Deputy Director Mohammed Nuru and Mr. Simon have met with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Lower Polk Neighbors Association, the Outer Mission Residents Association, and the Starbucks Corporation. Each group offered volunteers. DPW will commence training in December.

Officer Chris Putz (SFPD) informed the Board that SFPD acquired a trailer to be used to coordinate anti-graffiti activities with other policing agencies.

5. New Business/Action Items

- Review the Alcohol Advisory Board's By-Laws as a template for the Graffiti Advisory Board's By-Laws.
- Collect and organize members Anti-Graffiti Activity Reports. Discuss how to prepare the information for presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A Presentation by the Clean City Coalition on the Street Facts Program.
- Discuss, revise, and determine distribution of draft letter authored by Gideon Kramer.
- Establish agreed upon priorities for the Board

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Marc Bruno adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 201, City Hall. Mohammed Nuru will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.
Joseph F. Simon, Jr.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of September and November Meeting Minutes
3. Anti-Graffiti Activity Reports and Preparation of a letter to the Board of Supervisors – Discussion and Possible Action Item
4. Street Facts Program Presentation – Information only
5. Bylaws – Discussion and possible action item
6. New Business
7. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
8. Adjournment



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1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and asked for introductions.

PRESENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru
Juvenile Probation-Bill Johnston
SFPD-Christopher Putz
RECPARK-Joe Padilla
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI-Ray Favetti
Seat 4-Julia Viera
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Others present: Joseph Simon (DPW), Christine Falvey (DPW) Chris Ellen Montgomery (DPW), John Gray (DPT), and Gia Grant (Clean City Coalition)

2. **Approval of September and November Meeting Minutes**
Approved September and November meeting minutes with following amendment to November meeting minutes: move reference of new police trailer to volunteer update section.
3. **Street Facts Program Presentation – Information Only**
Gia Grant, Executive Director of the Clean City Coalition, presented the **Street Facts Program** to the Board. Street Facts involves providing volunteers with tools to interact directly with the City government. Volunteers will self-identify problems in the streets, such as graffiti, then record them on PDAs. That information will be uploaded to the pertinent City departments. Ms. Grant sees this project as a prelude to the 311 quality-of-life line. The short-term goal of the project is to have each major corridor in each district covered. Ms. Grant responded to questions from various Board members.

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4. Actions

- Committee to review by-laws formed. The members are Mark Bruno, Ken Cleaveland, Michaela Hctor, Gideon Kramer, and John Gray.

Approved: Without objection.

5. New Business/Action Items

- Juvenile Commissioner Adrienne Miller will speak on graffiti offenders.
- Presentation for comment of draft report for the Board of Supervisors and report on activities of other City agencies and utilities on their anti-graffiti efforts. (Joseph Simon)
- Requested status report on the proposed Graffiti Ordinance. (Cathy Garza)
- Requested status report on the proposed Sign Ordinance (Mohammed Nuru)

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Mohammed Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 201, City Hall. Mark Bruno will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
3. Guest Speaker – Traffic Commissioner for Juvenile Offenders (Adrienne Miller) – Information only
4. Anti-Graffiti Activity Reports and Draft letter to the Board of Supervisors – Discussion and Possible Action Item
5. Proposed Sign Ordinance Update – Information only
6. Bylaws Committee Report– Discussion and possible action item
7. New Business
8. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
9. Adjournment

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1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and asked for introductions.

PRESENT

Juvenile Probation-Bill Johnston
SFPD-Christopher Putz
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI-Ray Favetti
Seat 3-Debbie Mansfield
Seat 4-Julia Viera
Seat 5-Joe Porcoro
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Seat 10-Machaela Hoxter
Seat 12-Ken Cleaveland
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ABSENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru
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Others present: Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), Chris Ellen Montgomery (DPW), John Gray (DPT), Greg Martin (Adopt-A-Street Volunteer), William Luhr (Safe, Clean, Green)

2. **2000/2001 Grant Jury Report** – Gideon Kramer presented the 2000/2001 Litter and Graffiti Report of the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury and distributed copies.
3. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes** - Approved December meeting minutes with following amendments: correct spelling of Commissioner Adrienne Miller's name; change date to December 16, 2004. Marc Bruno moved to accept minutes with amendments and it was unanimously approved.
4. **Traffic Commissioner Adrienne Miller** – Commissioner Miller presented information on her experience in working with youth and graffiti crimes. She reported a steady decline in youth offending cases over the last three years. She attributed this decline to a decline in police officers dedicated to graffiti crimes. There was formerly a police unit dedicated to graffiti crime, and now there is one officer. She reported that if an offender is under 13 years of age, there is a mandatory one-year delay in getting his or her driver's license. She also reported that she can seek

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restitution for such offences with a maximum of \$869.75. For possessing an illegal marker (over ½ inch tip), an offender can be ordered to pay \$339.90. In lieu of paying fines, offenders can choose up to 96 hours of community service in addition to a police officer speaking to the parent regarding the illegal behavior. If damage is over \$400 the offense is considered a felony, and if it is under \$400, it is considered a misdemeanor. She reported two programs available to youth offenders, in addition to paying fines or performing community service: 1.) Job Readiness through a program called The Enterprise Program 2.) Life Management Skills Program, a three-hour seminar that discusses decision-making skills. With these programs in place, recidivism is close to 0.

5. Anti-Graffiti Activity Reports – Tabled.

6. Bylaws – Machaela Hctor reported that the Bylaws Subcommittee met and discussed bylaws on January 12, 2004. She reported that the subgroup discussed the group's mandate and responsibilities. She distributed draft bylaws and reviewed it with the group. Ken Cleaveland asked about proxy voting. Machaela said she will research this.

7. New Business/Action Items

- A suggestion was made to invite a reporter to discuss how to get the word out about anti-graffiti efforts.
- A suggestion was made to put 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on each agenda, or move the meetings to 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Marc Bruno suggested that members of city agencies should not be co-chairs. The group disagreed.
- Machaela Hctor will redraft bylaws and bring to the next meeting.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Gideon Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. It was unanimously accepted.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 201, City Hall. Mohammed Nuru will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Christine Falvey
Recording Secretary



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1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. District Attorney Community Courts (Discussion)
4. Bylaws (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
5. Abandoned Buildings (Discussion)
6. Report to the Board (Discussion)
7. New Business
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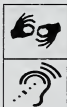
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1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and asked for introductions.

PRESENT

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SFPD-Christopher Putz
RECPARK-Joe Padilla
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI-Ray Favetti
Seat 5-Joe Porcoco
Seat 6-David Heller
Seat 13-Marc Bruno
Seat 14-Gideon Kramer

ABSENT

SFUSD-Peter Schwab
Mayor-Vacant Seat
Juvenile Probation-Bill Johnston (excused)
DPT- Peter Rubin
Seat 1-Cathy Garza
Seat 3 - Debbie Mansfield (excused)
Seat 4 -Julia Viera (excused)
Seat 7-Paul Guisti
Seat 8-John Omernick
Seat 10-Michaela Hoxter (excused)
Seat 12-Ken Cleveland

Seat 2 (Youth Court) is currently vacant

Others present: Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Caudra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), John Grey (DPT), Nino Parker (SFPDP), and Michael Louie, UC Berkeley School of Journalism, and Mitchell Salazar (DA).

Mohammed Nuru introduced Merle Goldstone, who is the new Public Information Officer for DPW Operations and is coordinating the San Francisco Anti-Graffiti Program.

2. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes - Tabled**
Tabled until March meeting because there was no quorum.

3. **District Attorney Community Courts Presentation**
Mitchell Salazar presented the Community Court system, which handles misdemeanor cases referred by the District Attorney. California Community Dispute Services (CCDS) administers the Community Courts, which are currently operating in nine San Francisco neighborhoods. The 4,000 cases that come before the community courts deal with quality-of-life issues that range from small batteries and neighborhood disputes to dumping, vandalism, trespassing and shoplifting. The defendants are predominantly non-juvenile first offenders. A 4-person panel comprised of neighbors and community workers hear the cases and decide the sentences. Panel members are volunteers who receive a day of training from the CCDS. Sentences are monetary fines or mandatory classes, such as the shoplifting

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school. Community service, which is usually done in the neighborhood where the crime is committed, is offered as an alternative to paying a fine. The people who come before the Community Court are allowed to bring their own attorneys and have the option to go back to 850 Bryant. Salazar explained that Community Courts rarely hear graffiti cases. They are normally referred to Superior Court, where defendants are represented by public defenders. The courts send most graffiti cases to the Pre-trial Diversion program to do 50 hours of graffiti removal in 5 to 6 neighborhoods. Mark Bruno asked what the advantage would be to have the Community Courts hear graffiti cases. According to Salazar, the only difference is that neighborhood people hear the cases. He advised the task force not to change things if the system was working. Christopher Putz reported that the Pre-trial Diversion program is working and that they only try three cases a month.

4. Bylaws - Tabled

Michaela Hoctor was not present and the by-laws discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

5. Abandoned Buildings

Mark Bruno asked whether the task force could find ways to get residents to fix abandoned buildings. He said that he had to call six different departments to report a fire hazard in an abandoned building on his block. Mohammed Nuru said that the City could get involved when a building is inhabited, but there needed to be a blight ordinance such as Daly City has in order to compel property owners to meet certain criteria for vacant buildings. He suggested that the Task Force re-circulate the Blight Ordinance.

6. Graffiti Ordinance

Mohammed Nuru gave an update on the progress of the Graffiti Ordinance. He urged members of the Task Force to start building support for the ordinance in the community and with the Supervisors on the committee that must recommend the Graffiti Ordinance to the full Board.

Gideon Kramer proposed having a single judge preside over graffiti cases and said that he had spoken with Judge Donna Hitchens about this. Christopher Putz reported that graffiti cases are time consuming because there are a lot of questions about graffiti that have to be discussed with the judge. He also thought that a graffiti offender might think twice about re-offending if he had to go back to the same judge. Jon Gray proposed that Judge Hitchens be invited to speak to the Task Force. Mohammed Nuru suggested that the Task Force also look into what other courts are doing about graffiti. Marc Bruno suggested that these issues be assigned to sub-committees when the by-laws are approved.

7. Report to the Board

Mohammed Nuru reported on the accomplishments of the Graffiti Task Force over the past six months, which included endorsing the Graffiti Ordinance, drafting by-laws, pursuing an anti-graffiti program, having guest speakers from City departments and San Jose's anti-graffiti program, and discussing how to deal with blast tagging and etching. Marc Bruno submitted a 9-page 12-Month Review that he had written. Gideon Kramer recommended that the report to the Board be concise and consist of no more than 3 pages. Marc Bruno suggested setting up a sub-committee comprised of all interested Task Force members to write a 2-3 page final draft based on his and Mohammed's reports. He asked that members who cannot attend the meeting

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submit their ideas in writing to the sub committee. Christine Falvey motioned that the final draft be considered at the March meeting.

8. New Business/Action Items

- Subcommittee to meet on March 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the DPW, City Hall to re-draft Report to the Board as a 2-3 page report.
- Presentation for comment of final draft report for the Board of Supervisors.
- Report on the proposed Blight Ordinance (Mohammed Nuru).
- Report on the proposed Graffiti Ordinance (Mohammed Nuru).
- Suggestion that the Task Force send a letter to city agencies to find out how much they spend on graffiti abatement.
- Suggestion to invite Judge Hitchens to a Task Force meeting.
- Suggested that Cathy Garza be asked to represent the Mayor and recommend a replacement for District 2 seat.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Mohammed Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. It was unanimously accepted.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m.** in Room 201, City Hall. Mark Bruno will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Merle Goldstone
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1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and determined that there was a quorum.

PRESENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru
DPT-John Gray
SFUSD-Peter Schwab
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI-Ray Favetti
Seat 5 - Joe Porcoro
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Others present: DPW-Edwin Lee, Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), Chris Ellen Montgomery

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

The chair chose to forego introductions in the interest of time.

3. **Approval of January and February Meeting Minutes**

The January minutes were approved with two amendments: the Task Force approved the by-laws as amended, and Marc Bruno would fact check the paragraph on Adrienne Miller. The February minutes were approved with one amendment; Christopher Putz, rather than Jonathan Gray, reported that the Pre-trial Diversion program is working.

4. **Anti-Graffiti enforcement on all street furniture and utilities**

Ed Lee led a discussion on graffiti abatement of street furniture on both public and private properties and noted that signal boxes, call boxes, private utility boxes and light poles and other street furniture get tagged more than walls. He also pointed out that DPW's graffiti crew spends a third of their time abating graffiti on street furniture. Ed Lee motioned that the Task Force determine who owns this furniture and invite these entities to come before the body and report on their efforts to maintain their

own street furniture. Marc Bruno recommended that the Advisory Board compile a list of all private companies who have structures on public right-of-way and develop a letter inviting these agencies to the May meeting. Ed Lee requested that the agencies be asked to provide information on how many pieces of street furniture they own, how many they expect to add, what budget they have for maintenance and what commitment they are willing to make to abate graffiti on their own structures. Mohammed Nuru suggested that the draft graffiti ordinance include language about the maintenance of private street furniture. There was also discussion about the legal responsibility of other city agencies to maintain their own street furniture and whether DPW has the authority to bill city agencies for graffiti abatement costs. Marc Bruno recommended developing inter-agency partnerships in graffiti abatement like DPW has with MUNI. Ray Favetti offered to bring the issue before the MTA. Ed Lee suggested working on several levels, including costing out the graffiti abatement budget and bringing it to the mayor during the budget process.

5. By-laws

Already discussed during approval of the January minutes.

6. Graffiti and Blight Ordinance

Mohammed Nuru informed the Task Force that he will be meeting with the Mayor's Office to strategize about how to proceed with the anti-graffiti and blights ordinances that Mayor Newsom developed when he was a Supervisor. He gave an overview of several draft ordinances that include graffiti language (the Anti-Blight Ordinance, the Property Blight Ordinance, the Blighted Vacant Lot Ordinance and the Graffiti Ordinance) and made copies available to Task Force members for review.

7. Report to the Board

A motion was passed to re-schedule the subcommittee meeting to write a final draft of the 6-month report to the Board to be held on April 1 at 3:00 p.m. in DPW Conference Room 348.

8. New Business

It was suggested that Gia Grant make a presentation about the Business Improvement District.

9. Miscellaneous

The Advisory Board thanked Peter Schwab of the SFUSD for supplying the Clean Team with paint to abate graffiti at West Portal Elementary School, Lowell High School and Philip and Sala Burton High School.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Marc Bruno adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m.** in Room 201, City Hall. Mohammed Nuru will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Merle Goldstone
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Graffiti Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 20, 2004
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 201
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of March Meeting Minutes (Action Item)
4. Report to the Board (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Business Improvement Districts (Information Item)
6. Graffiti and Blighted Lot Ordinance (Information Item)
7. Ethics Training Reminder (Information Item)
8. New Business
9. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
10. Adjournment

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1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and determined that there wasn't a quorum.

PRESENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru
DPT-Michael Danich
SFPD-Christopher Putz
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI-Ray Favetti
Seat 3 - Nino Parker
Seat 5-Joe Porcoro
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Seat 10-Machaela Hctor
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ABSENT

Juvenile Probation-Bill Johnston
RECPARK-Joe Padilla
SFUSD-Peter Schwab
Seat 1-Cathy Garza (Mayor Newsom)
Seat 4 -Julia Viera (excused)
Seat 7-Paul Guisti
Seat 8-John Omernick
Seat 9-Stephen Shinn
Seat 12- Ken Cleaveland
Seat 13-Marc Bruno

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Seat 2 (Youth Court) is currently
vacant

Others present: Ed Lee (DPW), Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Cuadra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), Kristina Shih (MEDA)

2. **Welcome and Introductions**
All who attended the meeting introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of March Meeting Minutes**
Tabled until May meeting because there was no quorum.
4. **Report to the Board**

No action was taken. Deputy City Attorney Machaela Hctor recommended that the report use the language that was in the enabling legislation to describe the Advisory Board's goals in Section I. She also pointed out that the report should refer to the new legislation as "proposed amendments to the Graffiti Abatement Ordinance" rather than "The Revised Draft of Graffiti Abatement." Christine Falvey will amend the report for voting at the next meeting. All members have received the report through email and at the meeting. Christine Falvey was commended for the excellent job she did of combining two draft reports.

5. Business Improvement Districts

Tabled to a future meeting.

6. Graffiti and Blight Ordinance

Ed Lee reported that Mayor Newsom will introduce the proposed amendments to the anti-graffiti ordinance and is also interested in proceeding with the blighted lot ordinance that he originally sponsored as a supervisor. The amended anti-graffiti ordinance will give property owners 30 days to respond. Gideon Kramer presented a proposal that lists and pictures all the types of fixtures on the public right-of-way and identifies their owners. The proposal recommends that each agency be held responsible for graffiti abatement of its fixtures and implement an effective program on a regular basis. He pointed out that the City agencies are exempted from the Anti-Graffiti Ordinance. Ed Lee said that the Mayor wants to make graffiti a priority with SFSTAT and that each department would have to provide statistics and be responsible for all of their property. Ray Favetti said that MUNI could document the programmatic cost of painting graffiti. Mohammed Nuru added that the Advisory Board would continue to dialogue with the agencies to collect the data.

7. Ethics Training Reminder

Mohammed Nuru encouraged Advisory Board members to attend the May 3rd ethics training at Herbst Theater from 5:30 –8:00 p.m.

8. New Business

- Mohammed Nuru is investigating new kinds of laminate for the sign shop and reported that there is a machine that can print out with laminate.

-It was pointed out that non-voting members may not vote, but that they can serve as co-chairs. It was requested that this issue be placed on the next agenda.

-It was proposed that meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. and that the frequency of meetings also be discussed. This will be an item on the May agenda.

-Christine Falvey noted that according to the by-laws advisory board members should confirm their attendance by the Friday before the meeting.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment

10. Adjournment

Mohammed Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m.** in Room 201, City Hall. Marc Bruno will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted. -- Merle Goldstone -- Recording Secretary



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≡ AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of March and April Meeting Minutes (Action Item)
4. Report to the Board (Action Item)
5. Meeting Frequency and Time (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
6. Voting/Non Voting Members (Discussion Item)
7. New Business
8. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
9. Adjournment

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1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and determined that there was a quorum.

PRESENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru
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Juvenile Probation-Bill Johnston
SFPD-Christopher Putz
SFUSD-Peter Schwab
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI-Ted Aranas for Ray Favetti
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ABSENT

RECPARK-Joe Padilla
Seat 1-Cathy Garza (Mayor Newsom)
Seat 4 -Julia Viera
Seat 9-Stephen Shinn

Seat Seat 1 (Supervisor); 2 (Youth Court) & 8 (Private School Rep.) are currently vacant

Others present: Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Caudra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), Kenneth Kim (S.F. Chronicle), Paul Hutcheson (S.F. Chronicle), Lorrie Kalos (SFFD), Bob Pickard (SBC California), Reg Smith (Mayor's Ten Year Planning Council)

2. **Welcome and Introductions**
All present introduced themselves.

3. Voting/Non Voting Members

Marc Bruno reported that Cathy Garza, Mayor Newsom's representative, is drafting an amendment to the enabling legislation to include the four non-voting neighborhood representatives. It was clarified that when people from City Departments are replaced, the City Department must write a letter to the Advisory Board and that any other replacement must be approved by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee. People who sit in for Advisory Board members cannot vote.

4. Graffiti and Blight Ordinance Update

Mohammed Nuru reported that Mayor Newsom will introduce the amendments to both the Graffiti Ordinance and the Vacant Lot Ordinance. Both give the City the right to clean up and put liens on private property.

5. Approval of March and April minutes – Approved.

6. Report to the Board – Approved with changes.

The 12-Month report to the Board of Supervisors was approved with the following changes:

In Section III, all references to "building owner" would be changed to "real property owner," at Machaela Hoctor's request.

In Section III under the rationales for the Proposed Amendments to the Graffiti Abatement Ordinance, # 3 will become #2 and vice versa.

Section IV (Objections to the "Proposed Amendments to the Graffiti Abatement Ordinance) was eliminated by majority vote after a discussion as to whether the two objections to the proposed amendments should be mentioned at all and elaborated on.

In Section VIII list of issues for possible consideration by the Board should read as follows:

- (1) Wheat pasted posters;
- (2) Slaptags and other self-adhesive stickers;
- (3) Poster advertisements for concerts and other entertainments;
- (4) Political advertisements printed or posted on public property
- (5) Signage generally;
- (6) Abandoned buildings as an enticement to graffiti vandals;
- (7) Newsstands as an enticement to graffiti vandals;
- (8) Power, cable, telephone and other sidewalk-obstructing metal boxes as an enticement to graffiti vandals.

7. Meeting Frequency and Time

The Advisory Board discussed two motions regarding meeting frequency and time: the first was to meet bi-monthly; the second was to change the meeting start time from 5:30 p.m. at 5:00 p.m.

Machaela Hctor advised the board that meeting on a monthly basis was in the enabling legislation and that the body was required to present a six-month report. She motioned that the bi-laws be amended to alternate monthly meetings with subcommittee meetings to accomplish the amount of work that needs to be done. The Board voted unanimously to accept her motion. The subcommittee meetings will be noticed and scheduled on the third Tuesday in the beginning, but after that each sub-committee can decide to meet on other days. There are three standing committees: enforcement, graffiti abatement, and education/prevention.

The motion to change the meeting time from 5:30 - 7 p.m. to 5:00-6:30 p.m. also passed unanimously.

8. New Business

-The Board will discuss changing the day of the meeting on the June Agenda. Machaela Hctor advised that it takes 72 hours to call a special meeting and 15 days if the meeting is not held at City Hall.

-Marc Bruno will publish committee assignments.

-Task Force will ask the Mayor's Office to add the SFFD as a voting member.

-It was recommended that Clear Channel be invited to the task force to inform them of their responsibility to abate graffiti on the new pedestal racks.

9. Public Comment

Representatives of two agencies who were been invited to attend the meeting and report on their companies' graffiti abatement policies spoke. Paul Hutcheson from the SF Chronicle reported on their graffiti abatement efforts and said that delivery of the papers shouldn't be impeded by the cleaning of the racks. Although they have no budget for graffiti abatement, SBC's Bob Pickard reported that they do it as needed. Several Task Force members stated that they have had to remove graffiti from the Chronicle's newsracks and the phone company's boxes.

10. Adjournment

Marc Bruno adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The June Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m.** at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

Merle Goldstone
Recording Secretary

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Tuesday, June 15, 2004
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes (Action Item)
4. Voting for Co-Chair Positions (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Changing Meeting Day (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
6. Standing Committee Assignments and Discussion (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
7. New Business
8. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
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PRESENT

DPT-Michael Danich
RECPARK-Joe Padilla
SFPD-Christopher Putz
MUNI- Ray Favetti
Seat 3 - Nino Parker
Seat 4 -Julia Viera
Seat 5-Joe Porcoro
Seat 6-David Heller
Seat 10-Machaela Hocter
Seat 13-Marc Bruno
Seat 14-Gideon Kramer

Seat 1-Vacant (Mayor Newsom)
Seat 2 Vacant (Youth Court)
Seat 8-Vacant (Private School)

Others present: Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Caudra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW),

ABSENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru (excused)
Juvenile Probation-Bill Johnston
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Seat 7-Paul Guisti

2. **Welcome and Introductions**
All present introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of May Meeting Minutes** – tabled until next meeting.
4. **Voting for Co-Chair Positions** – tabled until next meeting.
5. **Changing meeting Day** – tabled until next meeting.

6. New Business –

- Gideon Kramer commented that the Advisory Board has not accomplished very much. He recommended that the group do the following:
 1. Invite Presiding Judge Donna Hitchens of Superior Court to the July meeting to inform the Advisory Board of the situation with prosecuting graffiti cases. The vast majority of taggers go through a revolving door;
 2. Continue to engage all the agencies in abating graffiti;
 3. Have a thorough discussion about the draft graffiti ordinance, particularly the 3-week grace period for the merchants, which anyone who abates graffiti knows, would render the ordinance ineffective.
 4. Invite the Mayor to an Advisory Board meeting and ask for his proactive support.
 5. Find out which judges are proactive and funnel all graffiti cases through one judge.
- Christopher Putz reported that San Francisco is extremely lenient with first time offenders. He recommended that the community service hours for pre-trial diversion be increased from 50 to 75 or 100 hours, as other counties do, to show the seriousness of the crime. He also would like to have one judge hear all the cases.
- Machaela Hctor recommended providing training for judges, which might be done at a judges' gathering arranged through the Judicial Council. She also suggested that the Advisory Board let elected officials know how concerned the community is with graffiti vandalism.
- Ray Favetti said that the School District understands that the money spent on graffiti abatement could be used for other things. They want to support aggressive prosecution to modify behavior but the judicial system is a roadblock.
- Machaela Hctor reminded the group that their legislative mandate is to preparing a plan to consolidate public and private initiatives and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on how to allocate existing graffiti funding and on the efficiency of graffiti enforcement. The report, which is due in August, should be presented in a Grand Jury type finding with supporting data. Hctor also proposed that the Advisory Board develop a specific timeline and list of things to be accomplished against the timeline.
- Julia Viera suggested having a strategic planning committee to develop a timeline.

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- Marc Bruno stated that the Advisory Board was also created to strengthen the graffiti ordinance. He expressed concern that the ordinance hasn't been introduced yet and that no supervisors have been approached to co-sponsor and support. He suggested having Cathy Garza update the Advisory Board about the draft amendment to the graffiti ordinance.
- Machaela Hctor informed the group that Cathy Garza is no longer working in the Mayor's Office. They are looking for someone to replace her on the Advisory Board.
- Julia Viera proposed that Advisory Board invite the Mayor to the meeting and ask him to suggest a Supervisor to co-sponsor the ordinance.
- Christopher Putz volunteered to find out the status of the graffiti ordinance and report back at the July meeting.
- Merle Goldstone will send a letter of invitation to Judge Hitchens to attend the July meeting.
- Marc Bruno requested that neighborhood groups be invited to attend the Advisory Board meetings.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

Marc Bruno adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The July Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 20 at 5:00 p.m.** at City Hall in Room 201.

Respectfully submitted.

Merle Goldstone
Recording Secretary

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Graffiti Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of May and June Meeting Minutes (Action Item)
4. Superior Court, Judge Mary Morgan (Discussion)
5. Voting for Co-Chair Positions (Discussion and Action Item)
6. Changing Meeting Day (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
7. Standing Committee Assignments and Discussion (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
8. New Members (Discussion and Possible Action)
9. Update on Graffiti Ordinance (Information Only)
10. New Business
11. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
12. Adjournment

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1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru
DPT-Michael Danich
RECPARK-Joe Padilla
SFPD-Christopher Putz
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI- Ray Favetti
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ABSENT

Juvenile Probation-Bill Johnston
Julia Viera (excused)
SFUSD-Peter Schwab
Seat 9-Stephen Shinn

Seat 1-Vacant (Mayor Newsom)
Seat 2 Vacant (Youth Court)
Seat 8-Vacant (Private School)

Others present: Christine Falvey (DPW), Sandy Caudra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), Chris Ellen Montgomery (DPW), David Greenburg (City Attorney); Gia Grant (SF Clean City Coalition), Philip Lesser (Mission Merchants Association), David Ketchum (NPC/ParkScan), Dan Weaver (MIA), Gus Murad, and Dana Erekat.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**
All present introduced themselves.

3. **Superior Court:** Judge Mary Morgan described the computerized process that assigns serious criminal felony cases to the Superior Court's four preliminary hearing courts and then on to the eight felony courts. She explained that graffiti cases are usually filed as misdemeanor vandalism cases and go to pre-trial diversion. Joe Pocerro asked if it would be possible to assign all graffiti cases to one judge. John Gray added that there was a 65% reduction in juvenile graffiti cases since juvenile court began assigning them to one judge. Judge Morgan responded that the possibility of a single assignment judge wasn't likely and pointed out the downsides of appointing one judge. However, she said that she would bring it up her colleagues and would also talk to the Juvenile Court judge. Mohammed Nuru suggested setting up a special court dedicated to quality of life issues that would include graffiti. Ed Lee asked the judge how the Advisory Board could more consistently educate judges and engage them in the ongoing dialogue about graffiti. Judge Morgan responded that judges are sworn to uphold the Constitution and are not supposed to be swayed by advocacy, but she suggested that the Advisory Board begin by sending her information about the psychological underpinnings of graffiti vandalism. She also encouraged the community to get more involved by attending court proceedings. When David Heller pointed out that the community was very involved in the Geary Blvd. graffiti case, but the judge set the damages too low, she said that victims should have good contact with the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department, since judges rely on their information to determine the amount of the restitution the vandal must pay.
4. **Approval of May & June Meeting Minutes** – approved with corrections.
5. **Voting for Co-Chair Positions** – Although the co-chair's terms are staggered, it was noted there are no specific start times for each term in the by-laws and both Mohammed Nuru and Marc Bruno's terms are up. There was a motion to change the by-laws to elect one co-chair in July and the other in January. The motion was tabled for the August meeting. David Heller motioned that Mohammed be re-elected for a term of July to July and that Marc Bruno be up for election in January. This motion was passed.
6. **Changing Meeting Day** – Machaela Hocter motioned that the Advisory Board change the meeting day from the third Tuesday to the third Thursday of the month. The motion was passed.
7. **Standing Committee Assignments** – tabled until August.
8. **New Members** – tabled until August.
9. **Update on Graffiti Ordinance** – tabled until August.

10. New Business –

- Jonathan Gray's letter will be discussed at the August meeting.
- The By-laws will be amended to set times for the co-chairs' terms.
- Gideon Kramer passed out copies of his proposal for agencies to abate their own street furniture.

11. Public Comment –

David Oberdorf, who is on the committee to form a CBD in Nob Hill, talked about CBDs as a proactive solution to the graffiti problem and encouraged the group to consider supporting such legislation. He pointed out that CBD's in San Diego have a seven-minute response time for abating graffiti.

12. Adjournment

Mohammed Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The July Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m.** at City Hall in Room 348.

Respectfully submitted.

Merle Goldstone
Recording Secretary

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5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of July minutes (Action Item)
3. Reports/Co-Chairs
 - Update on Graffiti Ordinance (Discussion)
4. Old Business:
 - Amendment to by-laws regarding Co-Chair elections and meeting dates (Action Item)
 - Surface Mounted Facility Graffiti Removal Program/Gideon Kramer's Information bulletin on who owns what street furniture- Ed Lee (Discussion)
 - Jon Gray's proposed changes to membership make-up (Discussion)
 - Standing Committee Assignments (Discussion)
5. New Business
6. Public Comment - The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
7. Adjournment.

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1. **Call to Order:** Marc Bruno, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

PRESENT

DPW-Ed Lee
DPT-Michael Danich
RECPARK-Joe Padilla
SFPD-Christopher Putz
SFUSD-Peter Schwab
MUNI- Ray Favetti
Seat 4-Julia Viera
Seat 5-Joe Porcoro
Seat 6-David Heller
Seat 9-Stephen Shinn
Seat 10-Machaela Hoxtor
Seat 11-Debbie Mansfield
Seat 12-Ken Cleaveland
Seat 13-Marc Bruno

ABSENT

DPW-Mohammed Nuru (excused)
Juvenile Probation - Bill Johnston
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray (excused)
Seat 3-Nino Parker
Seat 7-Paul Guisti
Seat 14-Gideon Kramer (excused)

Seat 1-Vacant (Mayor Newsom)
Seat 2 Vacant (Youth Court)
Seat 8-Vacant (Private School)

Others present: Sandy Caudra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), Jonathan Rosen (Marin Academy) Paul Lanier (SFUSD)

2. **Approval of July minutes** – The minutes were approved with amendments.
3. **Update on graffiti ordinance** – Marc Bruno explained that the ordinance had been delayed in the City Attorney's office because of the lien component, but had been introduced to the Board on August 10 by Supervisor Elsbernd. Marc Bruno asked for clarification as to whether property owners would be able to request free paint from the DPW under the new ordinance. Ed Lee

confirmed that the DPW would still provide them with paint. Marc Bruno said that Supervisor Elsbernd expressed interest in attending the Graffiti Advisory Board meetings. Machaela Hctor said that the Board of Supervisors was supposed to have a representative on the Advisory Board and suggested that it be Supervisor Elsbernd.

4. **Old Business:**

Amendments to by-laws regarding Co-Chair elections and meeting dates Machaela Hctor reviewed the two changes to the by-laws: (1) to stagger the terms of the co-chairs (one to be elected in July and the other in January) and (2) to change of meeting day (Section 2B). There was motion to bifurcate the two changes so that the discussion about the meeting date could take place when more members were present. The motion passed. Peter Schwab noted the School District was not included on the list of agencies in the Enabling legislation. Machaela Hctor will add them.

Machaela recommended changing the meeting date from the third Thursday to the second or fourth Thursday to accommodate Julia Viera of San Francisco Beautiful whose board meeting is scheduled at the same time. Marc Bruno will query all the board members to find out which of the two dates each prefers and the date change will be revisited next meeting.

Gideon Kramer's brochure/surface mounted facility program— Ed Lee reported on the progress of Gideon's Information piece listing all the different kinds of street furniture and who owns them. He said that contact information for each agency would be added. This led to a discussion about the pros and cons of consolidating all the abatement monies in the DPW budget and having their department take care of all graffiti removal of street furniture. Ed Lee said that his department would do the work if given the resources, but noted that the issue is more complex because agencies such as the Fire Department, Recreation and Parks and Department of Parking prefer to do their own abatement. Joe Padilla said Recreation and Parks has real Union painters who remove the graffiti in 72 hours. Marc Bruno suggested that a representative from every agency should attend each Advisory Board meeting. Julia Viera declared that getting the issue of agency responsibility resolved is the most important thing that the Advisory Board could accomplish. Machaela Hctor recommended that the Abatement Committee review this issue and make recommendations. Surface mounted utilities graffiti abatement will be a discussion item on next month's agenda.

Jon Gray's Letter – The discussion was abled until the next meeting due to John Gray's absence. Marc Bruno suggested creating an ad-hoc committee to discuss changes to the board make-up and to develop a proposal that Supervisor Elsbernd could present to the Board of Supervisors. The Advisory Board will seek David Greenberg's advice about forming the committee. Machaela Hctor advised that meetings of three or more have to be noticed.

Standing Committee Assignments – Machaela Hocter urged the Board to begin meeting in committee in order to research and prepare their report to the Board of Supervisors, which is due in December. The following committee assignments were drawn up:

Abatement: Ed Lee, Nino Parker Deborah Mansfield, Ken Cleaveland, Ray Favetti, Joe Pocoro and Julia Viera.

Education: Michael Danich, Steven Shin, and Peter Schwab

Enforcement: Gideon Kramer, Christopher Putz, Paul Guisti, David Heller, Jonathan Gray and Machaela Hocter

The committees met for ten minutes at the end of the meeting to select a chair and develop a short mission statement. Debby Mansfield proposed that the committees meet from 5:00-5:30 p.m. and that the regular meeting be held from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will convene in the DPW conference room and the Standing Committees will meet in the DPW offices.

5. New Business –

- The Advisory Board will discuss the meeting date and the quorum/attendance issue at the September meeting.
- Christopher Putz will draft a letter to the District Attorney requesting that the misdemeanor charging DA attend every Advisory Board meeting and sit on the Enforcement Committee.
- Julia Viera requested that Nino Parker provide eligibility guidelines for Pre-Trial Diversion.

6. Public Comment – Jonathan Rose, a San Francisco resident and student at Marin Academy, talked about the documentary that he is making about graffiti.

7. Adjournment

Marc Bruno adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. so that the standing committees could meet for ten minutes.

Next Meeting Date: The September Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 16**. Standing committees will meet at 5:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 348.

Respectfully submitted.

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≡ **Graffiti Advisory Board**

Thursday, September 16
5:00-5:30 p.m. Standing Committee Meetings
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

City Hall, Room 348
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≡ **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of August Minutes (Action Item)
4. Reports/Co-chairs
-Update on Graffiti Ordinance/Mayor's Letter
5. Standing Committee Reports
6. Old Business
 - Changing Meeting day (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - Quorum/Attendance (Discussion)
 - Surface Mounted Facility Graffiti Removal Program (Discussion)
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1. **Call to Order:** Mohammed Nuru, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and determined that there was a quorum.

PRESENT

DPW-Ed Lee
DPW-Mohammed Nuru
DPT-Michael Danich
SFPD-Christopher Putz
SHERIFF-Jonathan Gray
MUNI- Ray Favetti
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ABSENT

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SFUSD-Peter Schwab
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RECPARK-Joe Padilla (excused)

Others present: Sandy Caudra (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), Paul Henderson (City Attorney's Office), Jeff Weil (SELF), Annette Banchemo (24th Mission Community Task Force), Jake Mumford (AMTRAK Police Dept.), Paul Lanier (SFUSD), Robert Garcia (SOS Save Our Streets), Sue Kirkham (Miraloma Park Improvement Club), Pete Renteria (Miraloma Park Improvement Club),

2. Welcome and introductions.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd stopped by let Advisory Board members know that he would put the Graffiti Ordinance on the calendar of the next City Services Committee. He encouraged board member to attend and talk about the process and what the group is working on. Ed Lee suggested reporting on what the group had done in the first six months of the year. The Supervisor said that he would work with the board on a separate ordinance for moving vehicles that are tagged.

Christopher Putz introduced Jake Mumford of the AMTRAK Police Department, who works on graffiti vandalism cases with the SFPD and got Amtrak and Caltrans to clear their tunnels and entryways of graffiti.

Supervisor Bevan Dufty talked about the ordinance that he introduced with five other supervisors to get graffiti-proof sheeting for DPT signs so that the sign shop could get more money next year. He said that he would put the Graffiti Ordinance on the City Services Committee for September 30. Board members discussed the difficulty of abating graffitied parking signs.

Mohammed welcomed Paul Henderson, who is the District Attorney's new point person for graffiti cases and will be attending Advisory Board meetings. Paul said that Graffiti Advisory Board and other groups would be more involved in how the cases will be handled. Julia Viera asked that he take back a message to the District Attorney that the community cares about this issue. Mohammed reported on the meeting with DA Kamala Harris and described it as the beginning of a good dialogue.

Robert Garcia of "Save Our Streets" spoke about how taggers have hit his historic brick building at 747 Hyde four times this year. He also spoke about the damage that graffiti vandals have done to other old buildings in his neighborhood, ruining the marble and the facades. Mr. Garcia said he and other people in the community want to see prosecution of the vandals

3. Approval of August minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Reports/Co-Chairs

Ed Lee reported on the Mayor's letter to the heads of all City Agencies ordering them to have a 48-hour graffiti abatement program. The Mayor will personally commit to calling 50 property owners and go after those entities that are not responding. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the work of the Advisory Board and the volunteers. He will consider doing an op-ed piece with community groups to go after agencies who are not abating graffiti and will support the law enforcement aspect as well.

5. Standing Committee Reports

Law Enforcement: Machaela Hctor reported that the Law Enforcement Committee set three priorities: 1) work closely with Paul Henderson of the District Attorney's office and gather a list of all graffiti related cases and track them by participating in Court Watch; 2) organize judicial training to give judges to provide background on the breadth of the graffiti problem; and 3) review pre-trial diversion qualifications. Ed Lee reported that the DA agreed that whoever gets caught will have a rap sheet and their offenses will be tracked. He said that the DA's office has asked DPW to quickly produce actual costs of removing the graffiti. Machaela Hctor added that when expenses exceed \$400 the DA could charge a case as a felony. Ed Lee added that the Mayor wants Project 20 to assign people to work off their community services by cleaning up litter and removing graffiti.

Education Committee: Steven Shinn reported that the committee will focus on: 1) finding out what education is being done by the police, the public and private schools, the arts schools, etc.; 2) educating the public about the cost of graffiti and how it affects their lives; and 3) getting a SF-based advertising agency to develop an anti-graffiti campaign to get the message out on outdoor advertising space donated by Viacom. Gideon Kramer suggested working with a focus group to create messages that can reach youth through the schools.

6. Old Business

Changing Meeting Date - The board passed a motion by Machaela Hctor to change the meeting day to the second Thursday of the month so that San Francisco Beautiful's representative could continue to attend the advisory board meetings. The 5 p.m. start time will remain the same.

Surface Mounted Facility Graffiti Removal Program - Ed Lee reported that the department is gathering data in order to quantify how many of each surface facilities are on San Francisco streets and who's responsible.

Jon Gray's proposed changes to membership make-up - Tabled until next month.

7. New Business

- Marc Bruno proposed forming a subcommittee to develop a new way of constituting the Advisory Board and discuss the issues that Jon Gray brought up in his letter at that time. A special sub-committee was scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 at 2 p.m. Merle Goldstone will notice the public.

8. Public Comment –

Sue Kirkham, a member of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club and a founder of their graffiti abatement group, said that they have taken a strong position on prosecuting graffiti vandals and asked for action and support.

Robert Garcia from Save Our Streets said that acid etching on glass is very costly and must be stopped. The group discussed various products that are being used to abate or prevent it. Marc Bruno suggested that a technician from the Small Business Bureau come in to talk about what works. Ed Lee said that the Advisory Board should help find a solution to glass etching because it hits the small business the hardest. He suggested that group ask the Small Business Commission to set aside money to help small businesses replace etched glass. Mr. Garcia also complained about a tag mural on absentee property. Machaela Hctor said that she would follow up if provided an address.

Jeff Weil from SELF and Annette Banchemo from the 24th Mission Community Task Force discussed their area (24th from Potrero to Valencia) which is a huge magnet for graffiti, particularly gang tagging. They suggested a coordinated effort with the SFPD and District Attorney's Office to get rid of both graffiti and illegal posters. Mohammed Nuru reported on his discussions with SFPD regarding illegal posterings especially on historic light poles. Ed Lee explained that the DPW has resource problems and needs to hand off paint to property owners to abate graffiti, while DPW continues to aggressively abate the hot spots.

9. Adjournment - Mohammed Nuru adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The October Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 14**. Standing committees will meet at 5:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 348.

Respectfully submitted.

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Graffiti Advisory Board

Thursday, October 14, 2004
5:00-5:30 p.m. Standing Committee Meetings
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

City Hall, Room 348
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San Francisco, California

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of September Minutes (Action Item)
4. Reports/Co-chairs
 - Update on Graffiti & Blight Ordinances
5. Standing Committee Reports
6. Old Business
 - Membership Meeting proposed changes (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
7. New Business
 - Pre-trial Diversion Guidelines: community service hours and community court for first time offenders - Angela Louie, City Attorney's office (Discussion & Action Items)
 - Painted utility boxes in San Diego (Discussion)
 - Move November meeting date due to holiday (Action Item)
8. Public Comment – The public may comment on any issue including issues that are not on today's agenda. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Co-Chairs to three minutes.
9. Adjournment

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*Department of Public Works***Graffiti Advisory Board**
 Thursday, November 18, 2004
 5:00-5:30 p.m. Standing Committee Meetings
 (Law Enforcement, Abatement and Education)
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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11-16-04A10:49 RCVD

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4. Approval of October minutes.
5. Reports/Co-chairs - Suggested time: 10 minutes
 - The effect of budget cuts on graffiti abatement, enforcement and education.
6. Standing Committee Reports – Law enforcement, abatement, and education.
 Suggested time: 10 minutes per report
7. Old Business:
 - Painted Utility Boxes (Discussion Item) - Suggested time: 10 minutes
 - Proposed changes to the Graffiti Advisory Board composition. (Discussion Item and Possible Action Item) Suggested time: 10 minutes
 - Should first time offenders be sent to community court? (Discussion Item and Possible Action Item.) Suggested time: 10 minutes
8. New Business – Regular meeting length.
9. Adjournment.

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Department of Public Works

Graffiti Advisory Board

Thursday, December 9, 2004
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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5. Reports/Co-chairs
- Enforcement of Graffiti Ordinance Suggested time: 10 minutes
6. Standing Committee Reports – Law enforcement, abatement, and education.
Suggested time: 10 minutes per report
7. Old Business:
- Status of Amendment to Graffiti Ordinance. (Discussion Item and Possible Action Item) Suggested time: 10 minutes
8. New Business
- Six-month Report to the Board of Supervisor's: outline and deadline schedule – (Discussion & Possible Action Item) Suggested time: 10 minutes
- Painted Utility Box program in the Mission (Discussion Only) Suggested time: 10 minutes
9. Adjournment.

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4. Approval of November minutes.
5. Reports/Co-chairs
- Enforcement of Graffiti Ordinance Suggested time: 10 minutes
6. Standing Committee Reports – Law enforcement, abatement, and education.
Suggested time: 10 minutes per report
7. Old Business:
- Status of Amendment to Graffiti Ordinance to give currently nonvoting members the right to vote. (Discussion Item and Possible Action Item) Suggested time: 10 minutes
8. New Business
- Six-month Report to the Board of Supervisor's: outline and deadline schedule -- (Discussion & Possible Action Item) Suggested time: 10 minutes
- Painted Utility Box program in the Mission (Discussion Only) Suggested time: 5 minutes
- Graffiti on Caltrans freeway structures (Discussion Only) Suggested time: 5 minutes
9. Adjournment.

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Thursday, January 13, 2005

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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4. Approval of December minutes
5. Reports/Co-chairs Suggested time: 10 minutes per report
6. Standing Committee Reports - Law enforcement, abatement, and education. Suggested time: 10 minutes per report
7. Old Business:
 - Graffiti Ordinance: how should we carry it out and what education we should be doing? (Discussion Only) Suggested time: 10 minutes
 - City wide "Mona Lisa" graffiti education: program
8. New Business:
 - Election of Co-Chair since Marc Bruno's term is up. (Action Item) Suggested time: 15 minutes
 - Vacant seats: Mayor, Youth Court, Private School. (Discussion Only) Suggested time: 5 minutes
 - Means of educating the public on the true costs of graffiti
 - Public and private school approach to graffiti art
9. Adjournment.

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Graffiti Advisory Board
Thursday, March 10, 2005
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
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4. Approval of February minutes
5. Reports/Co-chairs
6. Standing Committee Reports – Law Enforcement, Education and Abatement
7. Presentation on the Mayor's Utility Box Pilot Program with Precita Eyes Murals – Mike Farrah (Mayor's Office) (Tentative)
8. Old Business:
 - Should the Graffiti Advisory Board have a chair and vice chair? (Discussion and Action Item)
 - Formal nominations for chair and vice-chair. (Discussion and Action Item)
 - Terms of chair and vice chair. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
8. New Business:
 - Ideas for a Graffiti Rewards Program in San Francisco (Discussion)
 - New ordinance or extension of Graffiti Ordinance mandating that all new signs have graffiti coating. (Discussion and possible action item).
9. Adjournment.

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Graffiti Advisory Board
Thursday, April 14, 2005
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
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4. Approval of February and March minutes
5. Reports/Co-chairs
Graffiti Ordinance update and Graffiti Watch membership
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
7. Presentation on the Utility Box Pilot Program – Mike Farrah (Mayor's Office) Tentative
8. Old Business:
 - Should the Graffiti Advisory Board have a chair and vice chair? (Discussion and Action Item)
 - Formal nominations for chair and vice-chair. (Discussion and Action Item)
 - Should the terms of chair and vice chair be staggered and when should they begin? (Discussion and Action Item)
 - Mayor's letter to the schools (Action Item)
8. New Business:
 - Supervisor Ma's ordinance for a graffiti rewards program (Discussion)
 - Should the Graffiti Ordinance have a per-day penalty? (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
9. Adjournment.

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Thursday, June 9, 2005

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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 5. Chair's report
 6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
 - Old Business:
 - Abatement Committee recommendation on per day penalties for the Graffiti Ordinance (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - 12-Month Report Draft (Discussion and Possible Action)
 8. New Business
 - Law Enforcement Subcommittee Report (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - Board attendance, meeting requirements and summer attendance. Should there be a summer hiatus? (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - Supervisor Peskin's proposed amendments for the Graffiti Advisory Board legislation (Discussion and Possible Action)
 9. Adjournment.

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5. Chair's report
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement

Old Business:

- Supervisor Peskin's proposed amendments for the Graffiti Advisory Board legislation (Discussion and Possible Action)
- Board attendance, meeting requirements and summer attendance. Should there be a summer hiatus? (Discussion and Possible Action)

7. New Business

- Graffiti Advisory Board's 12-Month Report to the Board of Supervisors (Discussion and Action Item)
- Graffiti problem on the new Central Freeway and Octavia off ramp

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Thursday, August 11, 2005

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5. Murals on Utility Boxes – Presentation by Richard Newirth, SF Arts Commission
6. Chair's report
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
8. Old Business:
 - Law Enforcement Committee's Evaluation of the Criminal Justice System's Treatment of Graffiti Vandalism (Discussion & Action Item)
 - Graffiti Advisory Board's Report to the Board of Supervisors (Discussion and Action)
9. New Business
10. Adjournment.

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Thursday, September 8, 2005

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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5. Chair's report
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
7. Old Business:
 - Murals on Utility Boxes – Presentation by Susan Cervantes, Director, Precita Eyes Mural Center (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - Status report on Graffiti Advisory Board Ordinance as amended by Supervisor Peskin (Discussion)
 - Implementation of the Rewards Ordinance (Discussion)
8. New Business
 - Graffiti problem on the new Central Freeway and Octavia off ramp (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
9. Adjournment.

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Thursday, October 13, 2005
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
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4. Approval of September minutes (Action Item)
5. Chair's report
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
7. Old Business:
 - Recommendations to the Arts Commission and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services regarding enforcement of maintenance standards for the Murals on Utility Boxes Pilot Program. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - Status report on Graffiti Advisory Board Ordinance legislation as amended by Supervisor Peskin. (Discussion Only)
 - Development of rules regarding Board members' regular attendance at meetings. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
8. New Business
9. Adjournment.

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5. Chair's report
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7. Old Business:
 - Status report on Graffiti Advisory Board Ordinance legislation as amended by Supervisor Peskin. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - Development of rules regarding Board members' regular attendance at meetings. (Discussion and Action Item)
8. New Business
 - "The Legend of Zorro" (Sony Pictures) spray chalk graffiti that appeared on San Francisco sidewalks last month to promote film premiere. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
9. Adjournment.

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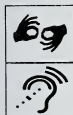
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4. Approval of October and November minutes (Action Item)
5. Chair's report
6. Old Business:
 - Clarification of what constitutes a voting majority of the Board. (Discussion only)
 - Should the Board amend the by-laws and/or recommend amending the governing ordinance regarding attendance? Discussion may include, but is not limited to:
 - 1) Should the required attendance be 10 meetings?
 - 2) Does the number of allowable absences include excused vs. unexcused?
 - 3) Should there be consequences for missing more than the allowable absences? (Discussion and Action Item)
 - Status report on Graffiti Advisory Board Ordinance legislation as amended by Supervisor Peskin. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
8. New Business
 - Adoption of updated by-laws (Action Item)
 - Adoption of Amendments to Assembly Bill No. 308 regarding Penal Code section 594 and legislation to Prohibit Civil Compromise for Graffiti Vandalism Cases. (Discussion & Action item).
9. Adjournment.

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4. Approval of December minutes (Action Item)
5. Presentation of pro-bono anti-graffiti advertising campaign by BBDO West.
6. Chair's report
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
8. Old Business:
 - Should the Board amend the by-laws and recommend amendment of the governing ordinance to include the following changes? Discussion may include, but is not limited to:
 - 1) The Graffiti Advisory Board will hold ten regular meetings per calendar year. There will be no regular meeting in July and December.
 - 2) Board members will be required to attend eight regular meetings.
 - 3) The Board will take the following steps after a member exceeds the two allowable absences:
 - After the third absence, the Chair will write a letter to the member;
 - After the fourth absence, the Chair will write a letter to the appointing entity asking for a replacement member.

(Discussion and Action Item)
9. New Business
10. Adjournment.

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5. Chair's report
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
7. Old Business
 - Presentation on National Public Advertising (NPA) graffiti abatement agreement with the City, by Milo Hanke. (Discussion and Possible Action)
8. New Business
 - Amendment of Pre-trial Diversion guidelines to remove graffiti vandalism offenses from eligibility list. (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - Creation of a First Offender Program (Discussion and Possible Action)
9. Adjournment.

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 Thursday, May 11, 2006
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4. Approval of March and April minutes (Action Item)
5. Chair's report
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
7. Old Business -
 - Should the Graffiti Advisory Board declare the NPA poster program or any new general advertising unacceptable as a means of mitigating graffiti, since they would be in violation of Proposition G? (Discussion and Action Item)
8. New Business
 - Need to populate the Education Committee
 - Review attendance records: The Advisory Board requires its members to attend 8 of the 10 meetings held each year. Some members have had at least two or more absences thus far. A third absence occasions a written warning from the Chair and a fourth absence occasions removal by the appointing authority.
 - Action Item: Vote on changing the time that property owners who have been issued graffiti notices 14 days, from when the notice is posted, to comply rather than the current 30 days.
 - Discuss the question of whether wheat-pasted posters should be treated in the same manner as hand-drawn graffiti, as such blight, though it has a commercial intent, is still vandalism.
9. Adjournment.

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5. Chair's report
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8. New Business
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 - Action Item: Vote on changing the time that property owners who have been issued graffiti notices 14 days, from when the notice is posted, to comply, rather than the current 30 days.
 - Should the Graffiti Advisory Board declare the NPA poster program or any new general advertising unacceptable as a means of mitigating graffiti, since they would be in violation of Proposition G? (Discussion and Action Item)
9. Adjournment.

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4. Approval of October minutes (Action Item)
5. Chair's report
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement
7. Old Business
 - Should the Graffiti Advisory Board declare the NPA poster program or any new general advertising unacceptable as a means of mitigating graffiti, since they would be in violation of Proposition G? (Discussion and Action Item)
 - Nominations for and election of new Vice Chair (Discussion and Action Item)
8. New Business
 - 2006 Attendance Report (Discussion Only)
 - Proposed Amendments to the bylaws for attendance policy (Discussion Only)
 - New Graffiti Advisory Board Legislation (Discussion Only)
 - Implementation of the Littering, Nuisance and Graffiti Violation Rewards Legislation (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
9. Adjournment

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Thursday, January 11, 2007****5:00 Standing Committee Meetings (Law Enforcement,
Abatement and Education)****5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting****City Hall, Room 348
San Francisco, California**

The January Regular Meeting and Standing Committee Meetings of the Graffiti Advisory Board, scheduled for January 11, 2007, have been cancelled.

A special meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 900 Seventh Street, San Francisco. In accordance with the Sunshine Ordinance, all the information pertaining to the special meeting shall be available 15 days in advance. Administrative Code 67.6(f).

The next regular meeting of the Graffiti Advisory Board will be held on February 8, 2007.

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"Anti-Graffiti Super Huddle"

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"Anti-Graffiti Super Huddle"
To Update San Francisco's Graffiti Abatement Volunteers

January 20, 2007

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

900 Seventh Street, San Francisco

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Time	Program	Time Allotted
9:00 a.m.	Registration	30 minutes
9:30 a.m.	Call to Order & Introductions, Mohammed Nuru, Graffiti Advisory Board Chair	15 minutes
9:45 a.m.	Welcome Department of Public Works Director Fred V. Abadi, Ph.D.	5 minutes
9:50 a.m.	<i>Progress report on the City and County's Graffiti Abatement Program and Graffiti Ordinance.</i>	10 minutes
	Speaker: Mohammed Nuru	
	<i>What more can we do as a city?</i> Public Comment: The public can comment on the above item at this time. (Up to 3 minutes)	20 minutes
	Experts: Phil Galli, DPW Bureau of Street Environmental Services; Ken Cleaveland, BOMA; Steve Shinn, CBS Outdoor	
10:20 a.m.	<i>Best practices for abating problem graffiti: Correct paint colors and techniques</i>	10 minutes
	Speaker: Gideon Kramer, SF Green Patrol	
	<i>Discuss your graffiti challenges and solutions with abatement experts.</i> Public Comment: The public can comment on the above item at this time. (Up to 3 minutes)	20 minutes

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Anti-Graffiti Super Huddle Program Continued...

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	Experts: Jonathan Vaing, DPW; Joe Porcoro, North West Bernal Alliance; Joe Padilla, Recreation and Parks; Charles Silvera, MUNI; John Bitoff, San Francisco Unified School District	
10:50 a.m.	Break	10 minutes
11:00 a.m.	<i>What the City is doing to prosecute graffiti vandals How volunteers can support law enforcement efforts, such as Court Watch.</i>	10 minutes
	Speaker: Deputy District Attorney Paul Henderson	
	<i>Share your success stories or discuss your issues about working with enforcement.</i>	20 minutes
	Public Comment: The public can comment on the above item at this time. (Up to 3 minutes)	
	Experts: Christopher Putz, San Francisco Police Department Graffiti Unit; Nino Parker, San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project & Judge Adjudicator, Community Courts	
11:40 a.m.	<i>Recruiting volunteers in the war against graffiti: A Neighborhood Perspective</i>	10 minutes
	Speaker: Laurel Muniz, North West Bernal Alliance	
	<i>Share your experiences in getting your neighbors involved. Have a particular challenge? Ask the experts.</i>	20 minutes
	Public Comment: The public can comment on the above item at this time. (Up to 3 minutes)	
	Experts: Gia Grant, Clean City Coalition; Erick Arguello, Lower 24 th St. Neighbors; Cathie Lam, Chinatown Community Development Center	
12:10 p.m.	Mayor (or representative) presents Certificates of Honor to Graffiti Watch members.	20 minutes
12:30 p.m.	Meeting Adjournment	
	Lunch	30 minutes

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5. Report by Chair Mohammed Nuru (Discussion Item)
6. A member of the City Attorney's Office Code Enforcement Team will give an update on graffiti abatement cases referred by the Department of Public Works. (Explanatory document: chart) (Discussion Item).
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item.)
8. Old Business
 - Discussion whether the Graffiti Advisory Board should declare the NPA poster program or any new general advertising unacceptable as a means of mitigating graffiti, since they would be in violation of Proposition G (March 2002 Ballot). (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
9. New Business
 - a. Presentation of draft amendments to the bylaws to update Advisory Board attendance policy. (Explanatory documents: (1) Draft amendments to bylaws; (2) Mayor's Letter; (3) Board of Supervisors Resolution) (Discussion Item)
 - b. Discussion of Ordinance reconstituting the Graffiti Advisory Board's membership. (Explanatory document: Ordinance No. 061647) (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
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6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item.)
7. Report on Community Corridors Partnership's Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program by Ahsha Safai, Department of Public Works. Discussion on how data being collect can be used to formulate policy regarding private property abatement. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
8. Old Business
 - a. Update on the appointment of new Graffiti Advisory Board members (Discussion and Possible Action Item).
9. New Business
 - a. Amendments to the by-laws regarding new membership makeup. (Discussion Only.) (Explanatory Document: Draft amendments to the by-laws)
 - b. Should the Graffiti Advisory Board support Assembly Bill 528 which calls for the establishment of a graffiti prevention pilot program, to be known as the "Tag You're It Act" to fund, through grants, specified graffiti prevention and prosecution efforts. (Discussion and Possible Action Item) (Explanatory Document: AB 528)

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The bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Emergency Services to fund the program.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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City Hall, Room 348

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Thursday, June 14, 2007

Special Meeting

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

One South Van Ness Ave., Rm. 7080 (Note New Location)
San Francisco, California**AGENDA**8:00 a.m. M/F
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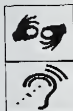
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 - a. Letter from the Graffiti Advisory Board to the California State Assembly in support of Assembly Bill 525 "Tag Your It Act" (Discussion and Approval of the Letter)
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4. Approval of May 2007 meeting minutes (Action Item)
5. Presentation on the San Francisco Arts Education Project (SFartsED)'s ARTSummer class in "Street Art" for children ages 10-14 by Emily Keeler, Artistic Director, SFartsED (Discussion Item)
6. Report by Chair Mohammed Nuru (Discussion Item)
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item.)
8. Old Business
 - a. Letter from the Graffiti Advisory Board to the California State Assembly in support of Assembly Bill 525 "Tag Your It Act" (Discussion and Approval of the Letter)
 - b. Should the Graffiti Advisory Board's regular meeting time be changed from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to 3:30-5:00 p.m.? (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - c. Should the Regular Meeting location be changed to One South Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 7080 or another location? (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
9. New Business
 - a. How should the orientation of new board members be conducted? (Discussion and Possible Action item.)
10. Adjournment

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Graffiti Advisory Board
Thursday, September 13, 2007
Regular Meeting
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (NOTE NEW TIME)
One South Van Ness Ave., Rm. 7080
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5. Report by Chair Mohammed Nuru (Discussion Item)
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
7. Old Business -
 - a. New Member Orientation (Discussion Item):
 1. Scope and mandate of the Graffiti Advisory Board - Mohammed Nuru
 2. The role of the three standing committees in formulating policy - Milo Hanke
 3. The role of public and private agencies in the City's anti-graffiti strategy: Brief presentations by Graffiti Advisory Board members representing the District Attorney, SFPD Graffiti Unit, Pre-trial Diversion, MUNI, Department of Parking & Traffic, Department of Public Works, Recreation & Parks Department, San Francisco Unified School District, CBS Outdoor
8. New Business -
 - a. Update by Eric Dash, District 6 Representative, on the March 9, 2006 Graffiti Advisory Board motion to impose a \$25-300 per day penalty on property owners for not complying, once the 30-day graffiti notification period has passed. (Discussion and possible Action Item.)
9. Adjournment

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Thursday, October 11, 2007

Regular Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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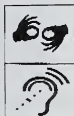
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4. Approval of September 2007 meeting minutes (Action Item)
5. Report by Chair Mohammed Nuru (Discussion Item)
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
7. Old Business -
 - a. Update on the budget dispute between Public Works and the City Attorney's office regarding enforcement of Graffiti Ordinance when property owners do not abate within 30 days. (Discussion Only)
8. New Business -
 - a. How can the Graffiti Advisory Board define its mission and measure its progress? What kind of metrics can be used? (Discussion Item)
 - b. Should the City install surveillance cameras to prevent graffiti vandals from defacing historic landmarks? (Discussion and Possible Action Item) (Supporting document).
 - d. Submission of Draft Graffiti Advisory Board 2006-2007 Annual Report for Board approval at the November meeting (Explanatory Document. Proposal by United Humanitarian Mission/Leonid Nakhodkin)
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Thursday, November 8, 2007
Regular Meeting
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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5. Presentation on the legislative process by Deputy City Attorney Tom Owen (Discussion Item)
6. Presentation on Legislation Analyst Report on Municipal Anti-Graffiti Programs (BOS File No. 07118) issued October 23, 2007 - Gabe Cabrera, Office of the Legislative Analyst (Discussion Only) (Supporting Document)
7. Report by Chair Mohammed Nuru (Discussion Item)
8. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
9. Old Business -
 - a. Approval of Draft Graffiti Advisory Board 2006-2007 Annual Report. (Discussion and Action Item) (Supporting Document)
10. New Business -
 - a. Approval of draft letter to President of the Board of Supervisors requesting amendment of Ordinance No. 061647 (Graffiti Advisory Board - Membership) to include a seat for the City Attorney. (Discussion and Action Item).
 - b. Approval of amendments to the bylaws regarding change of meeting location and times (Action Item).
 - c. Approval of draft letter to the Department of Health regarding catch basin markings (Discussion and Action Item)
 - d. Discussion on how to set amounts for per day penalties (Discussion Only).
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Thursday, January 10, 2008

Regular Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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4. Approval of November 2007 meeting minutes (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Presentation by Ed Reiskin, Director of the San Francisco 311 Customer Service Center, on how they handle graffiti reporting. (Discussion Item)
6. Presentation on Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program of the Mayor's Corridors Partnership Program by Liz Lerma, Director, DPW Community Programs (Discussion Item)
7. Report by Chair Mohammed Nuru (Discussion Item)
8. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
9. Old Business -
 - a. Discussion on how to set per day penalties (Discussion and Possible Action Item).
10. New Business -
 - a. Approval of draft letter of commendation to SFPD officers who made graffiti arrests in 2007. (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
11. Adjournment

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Thursday, February 14, 2008**Regular Meeting****3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**One South Van Ness Ave., Rm. 7080
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5. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
7. Old Business -
 - a. Discussion on how to set per day penalties (Discussion and Possible Action Item).
8. New Business
 - a. Board members' attendance record for July 2007-January 2008 meetings; review of Graffiti Advisory Board attendance policy. (Article II Section G, Bylaws for the San Francisco Graffiti Advisory Board.) (Discussion Item).
 - b. Nominations for Board Chair and Vice Chair. The terms for the Chair and Vice Chair are for one year and run concurrently, commencing on the first day of the third month of the year (Article II Section G, Bylaws for the San Francisco Graffiti Advisory Board.) (Discussion Item)
9. Adjournment

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Thursday, March 13, 2008

Regular Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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5. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
6. Report on 2007 graffiti prosecutions: a year in review - Andi Roy, District Attorney's Office (Discussion Item)
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
8. Old Business -
 - a. Final nominations for Board Chair and Vice Chair. The terms for the Chair and Vice Chair are for one year and run concurrently, commencing on the first day of the third month of the year (Article II Section G, Bylaws for the San Francisco Graffiti Advisory Board.) (Discussion and Action Item)
9. New Business -
 - a. April regular meeting to be called as a Special Meeting due to change of meeting location to 30 Van Ness, Department of Engineering Conference Room, 5th Floor. (Discussion and Action Item)
 - b. Request by Assemblyperson Fiona Ma's office for letters of support of AB 1767 (Removal of Graffiti from Civil Compromise) (Discussion and Action Item)
10. Adjournment

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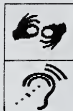
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Gavin Newsom, Mayor

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4645Mohammed Nuru, Chair
Milo Hanke, Vice Chair**Graffiti Advisory Board**

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Special Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

30 Van Ness Ave., 5th Fl. (Dept. of Engineering Main Conference Room)
San Francisco, California**AGENDA**

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1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions (Discussion Item)
3. Public Comment - The public may comment on any matter within the Advisory Board's jurisdiction at this time. Please comment on agenda items below when the item is called. Comments may be limited at the discretion of the Chair to three minutes. (Discussion Item)
4. Approval of March 2008 meeting minutes (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Q&A regarding Sunshine Ordinance requirements with District Attorney Mariam Morley (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
6. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
8. Old Business -
 - a. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair. Nominees are Mohammed Nuru for Chair, and Eric Dash and Shirley Wong for Vice Chair. (Discussion/Action Item)
 - b. Approval of new meeting location at 30 Van Ness Avenue (Action Item).
9. New Business
 - a. Proposed changes to the Graffiti Advisory Board Ordinances (Discussion/Action Item)
 1. Amend Graffiti Advisory Board ordinance to include seat for City attorney.
 2. Amend Graffiti Ordinance (Article 23) to include per day penalties (\$25 per day after 30 days, increasing to \$50 after 60 days until property is abated).
 3. Amend Graffiti Ordinance (Article 23) to give the Director of Public Works authorization to issue an order to clean and lean delinquent properties as a means to enforce the ordinance.
10. Adjournment



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Thursday, May 8, 2008

Regular Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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4. Approval of April 2008 meeting minutes (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
6. Update on proposed amendments to the Graffiti Ordinance regarding enforcement. Barbara Moy, Deputy Director, Bureau of Street Use and Mapping (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
8. Old Business -
 - a. Election of new Vice Chair. Board members Eric Dash and John Bitoff have been nominated to succeed Milo Hanke. (Discussion and Action Item)
9. New Business -
 - a. Approval of new meeting location at 30 Van Ness Avenue (Action Item)
 - b. Approval of amendments to the Graffiti Advisory Board bylaws regarding the change of the regular meeting place.
10. Adjournment



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Thursday, June 12, 2008

Regular Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

30 Van Ness Ave., 5th Fl.Dept. of Engineering Conference Room
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4. Approval of April and May 2008 meeting minutes (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
7. Old Business -
 - a. Election of new Vice Chair. John Bitoff has been nominated to succeed Milo Hanke. (Discussion and Action Item)
8. New Business -
 - a. Approval of the new meeting location at 30 Van Ness Avenue. (Action Item)
 - b. Approval of amendments to the Graffiti Advisory Board bylaws regarding the change of the regular meeting place. (Action Item)
 - c. Should the Graffiti Advisory Board meet at an earlier time of day? (Discussion and Possible Action Item.)
 - d. Should the Graffiti Advisory Board hold another Anti-Graffiti Huddle in January, 2008 and what should the focus of the meeting be?
9. Adjournment

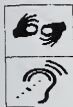
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Graffiti Advisory Board DRAFT Minutes of June 12, 2008 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor San Francisco, California

1 **Call to Order** Robin Talmadge called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

PRESENT

DA - Andi Roy
DPW - Mohammed Nuru
Mayor - Joe Porcino
MUNI - Robert Lim
RecPark - Joe Padilla
Seat 1 - Kevin Morris
Seat 2 - Leonid Nakhodkin
Seat 4 - Calvin Wong
Seat 5 - Doug Diboll
Seat 6 - Eric Dash
Seat 7 - Chris Tveskey
Seat 8 - Justin Fichelson
Seat 9 - Shirley Wang
Seat 10 - Robin Talmadge
Seat 11 - Jean Ellingsen
Seat 12 - Nina Parker
Seat 14 - Mike Cashon
Seat 15 - Paul Guisti

ABSENT

DPT - Michael Danich
SFUSD - John Bitoff (excused)
SFPD - Christopher Putz (excused)
Seat 3 - Vince Vigil

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Seat 13 - SF Beautiful - Vacant
Seat 16 - Private Schools Art
School - Vacant
Seat 17 - Contracting Agency for
MUNI bus shelters - Vacant

Others present: Phil Galt (DPW), Merle Goldstone (DPW), Michellevera Yumul (DPW), Sandra Zuniga (DPW), Jonathan Vaing (DPW), Paul Guisti (Business Rep), Mike Cashon (BOMA), Rebecca Delgado Rottman (Academy of Art University), Chris Schulman (MOEWD-CCSF), John Grey (MTA), Shane Herbert (SFPD), Philip Papale (SFPD), Peter Fortune (SF Beautiful)



June 2008 Graffiti Advisory Board Minutes

- 2 **Welcome and Introductions:** Introductions were made. Sixteen members were counted present.

3 **Public Comment:**

Chris Schuman, Polk Corridor Manager from the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, stated that acid etching has increased in the Polk Street Corridor. He mentioned the "99 Cent" Stores are now carrying spray paint, but are not placing the cans behind the counter and, in addition, are selling cans to minors. Chris asked if it is possible to add the acid etching chemicals to the list of items to be kept behind the counter such as spray paint and other graffiti items.

Staff arranged for members of the Northwest Bernal Alliance to meet with the event organizers of Precita Eyes' annual Youth Festival in Precita Park to discuss the graffiti tagging that has occurred in the neighborhood after the event.

Doug Diboll requested that staff contact the Planning Department to see whether a Planning Department representative would speak to the board about anti-graffiti design.

Mike Cashion reported on his meeting with Fiona Ma regarding AB1767. Staff notified the board that the AB1767 Civil Compromise Amendment would be heard before the Senate Public Safety Committee on June 24, and that anyone who had not sent a letter supporting the Amendment please do so before the meeting.

- 4 **Approval of April 2008 and May 2008 meeting minutes.** The April 2008 minutes were accepted. Board members made two corrections to the May 2008 minutes and then accepted them.

- 5 **Chair's Report:** Mohammed Nuru reported that the City of Santa Clara is holding the Northern California Graffiti Tradeshow and Conference on Thursday, July 31st and Friday, August 1st. Board members were encouraged to attend. Mohammed Nuru introduced the Warm Water Cove Graffiti Vandalism Project 2007 report and offered to give a copy to any board member who requested one. Phil Galli reported on rooftop graffiti abatement, providing a summary and statistics of the actions taken by Public Works as well as before and after photos.

6. **Committee Reports -**

Law Enforcement Committee: Staff passed out the Graffiti Vandalism Arrests 2008 report. The SFPD has made 93 arrests this year. Andi Roy reported that the District Attorney is prosecuting 45 open cases.

Abatement Committee: Robin Talmadge gave an update on the Blight Ordinance and said that Supervisor Sophie Maxwell will support this legislation. Robin added that the cars and the commercial trucks that are tagged and parked in San Francisco should be cited.

Education Committee: Doug Diboll stated that the Education Committee would do research on variety of anti-graffiti education programs during July to present at the August subcommittee meeting.



June 2008 Graffiti Advisory Board Minutes

Old Business:

- John Bitch was elected Vice Chair with 14 votes (13 votes constitute a majority)

- New Business:

- The Board voted unanimously to approve the new meeting location (30 Van Ness Avenue, Dept. of Engineering Main Conference Room, 5th Floor) and proposed amendments to the Graffiti Advisory Board bylaws regarding the new meeting location.

- The Board voted to postpone discussion of June agenda item c. (holding the meeting earlier in the day) until the August 2008 meeting agenda because Officer Putz was not present at the meeting and asked that it be tabled

- The Board discussed a possible "Anti-Graffiti Huddle" to be held in January 2009. Several members expressed ideas about how it should be organized. Staff will send a copy of the first Anti Graffiti Super Huddle Outcomes to board members. The board will continue to discuss the focus of the proposed second Huddle at the August meeting

- Staff will invite a Planning Department representative to speak about planning efforts to prevent graffiti vandalism through design at the August 2008 Meeting.

- It was suggested that the acid etching chemicals be added to the list of items to be kept behind the counter such as spray paint and other graffiti items.

- Staff will send information about the Northern California Graffiti Trade Show and Conference to Board members

Adjournment - Mohammed Nuru adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting Date The next Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 14th** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Michellevera Yumul
Recording Secretary

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Graffiti Advisory Board
Thursday, August 14, 2008
Regular Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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4. Approval of Draft June 2008 meeting minutes (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
6. Update on proposed amendments to Article 23 (Graffiti Ordinance) regarding code enforcement: Barbara Moy, Bureau of Street Use and Mapping (Discussion Item)
7. Standing Committee Reports: Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
8. Old Business -
 - a. Should the Graffiti Advisory Board meet at an earlier time of day? (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - b. Should the Graffiti Advisory Board hold another Anti-Graffiti Huddle in January, 2009 and what should the focus of the meeting be? (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
9. New Business -
 - a. Report on Northern California Graffiti Trade Show and Conference held on July 31-August 1 in Santa Rosa California (Discussion Item)
10. Adjournment



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3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.30 Van Ness Ave., 5th Fl.
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4. Approval of Draft August 2008 meeting minutes. (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Nick Kinsey, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Sandoval, presents Anti-Blight Ordinance (File No. 081118) (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
6. Ann Cooney, creator of the "Painted Problems Project of Calgary, Canada, presents anti-graffiti education tools. (Discussion and Possible Action)
7. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
8. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
9. Old Business -
 - a. Should the Graffiti Advisory Board hold an Anti-Graffiti Huddle on Saturday, January 12, 2009 at Golden Gate Disposal in lieu of the regular September Graffiti Advisory Board meeting? (Discussion and Action Item)
 - b. Formation of a planning committee to develop the Huddle program and agenda? (Discussion and Action Item.)
10. New Business
 - a. Approval of Draft 2007/2008 Graffiti Advisory Board Annual Report (Discussion and Action Item)
11. Adjournment

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Graffiti Advisory Board

Thursday, October 9, 2008

Regular Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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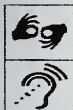
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5. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
6. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion Item)
7. Old Business -
 - a. Approval of the Draft 2007/2008 Graffiti Advisory Board Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors (Discussion and Action Item)
8. New Business
 - a. Report on the first meeting of the "Anti-Graffiti Super Huddle" Planning Committee by Chris Tyeskey (Discussion and action Item).
9. Adjournment

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4. Approval of Draft October 2008 meeting minutes. (Discussion and Action Item)
5. Presentation of the Academy of Art University's School of Advertising's anti-graffiti communications campaign. (Discussion and possible action item)
6. Report by Chair (Discussion Item)
7. Standing Committee Reports - Education, Abatement and Law Enforcement (Discussion and possible Action Item)
8. Old Business -
 - a. Report on the second meeting of the "Anti-Graffiti Super Huddle" Planning Committee and discussion about theme and breakout session topics for the event. (Discussion and possible action Item).
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

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Graffiti Advisory Board

DRAFT Minutes of November 13, 2008

30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor
San Francisco, California

1. **Call to Order:** John Bitoff called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

PRESENT

DA – Colby Freeman
DPT – Celeste Austria Marks
Mayor - Joe Porcoco
MUNI – Jack Blanchfield
RecPark – Joe Padilla
SFPD- Christopher Putz
SFUSD - John Bitoff
Seat 5 - Doug Diboll
Seat 6 - Eric Dash
Seat 7 - Chris Tyeskey
Seat 8 – Justin Fichelson
Seat 9 - Shirley Wang
Seat 10 – Robin Talmadge
Seat 11 - Jean Ellingsen
Seat 12- Nino Parker
Seat 15 – Paul Giusti
Seat 16 – Rebecca Delgado
Rottman
Seat 17 – Jana Lord
Seat 13 (SF Beautiful) - Vacant

ABSENT

DPW- Mohammed Nuru (excused)
Seat 1 – Kevin Mcinnis (excused)
Seat 2 - Leonid Nakhodkin
Seat 3 – Vince Vigil
Seat 4 – Rene Ly (excused)
Seat 14 - Mike Cashion (excused)

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Others present: Phil Galli (DPW), Sandra Zuniga (DPW), Hunter Shobe (Portland State University), Leigh Ann Baughman (SF Beautiful), Melinda Mettler (AAU), Mark Edwards (AAU), Cameron Maddux (AAU), Julie Ann Zimmer (AAU), Adam Arron (AAU), Chungchin Deng (AAU), Jun Ho Oh (AAU), Zhang Wei (AAU), Jin Woo Jun (AAU)

2. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Chair asked for introductions and determined that there were enough members present to constitute a quorum.

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3. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

4. **Approval of the October 2008 meeting minutes:** The October minutes were approved as submitted.

5. **Presentation of the Academy of Arts anti-graffiti advertising campaign.**

The chair of the Advertising Department gave a brief overview of how they researched graffiti to develop their anti-graffiti campaign. The campaign, which they call "Anti-Tag", is divided into five areas: (1) a sticker campaign to let the taggers know that graffiti hurts the community; (2) an interactive "Anti-tag" website to organize the public to get involved and volunteer; (3) a clean up night for children and their parents to find graffiti and report/catch taggers; (4) an "anti-tag" billboard campaign to call the public's attention to (5) a special event in Union Square to create excitement and generate participation in the cleanup program. After the presenters left the meeting, Board members discussed their impressions and concerns about various aspects of the campaign. The board will provide feedback to AAU at the January meeting.

6. **Chair's Report:** DPW staff reported 75% completion rate for private property graffiti from September 1-October 31, 2008. He also reported on the abatement of public property by district during that period, and announced that the Board of Supervisors passed the Blight Ordinance.

7. **Committee Reports:**

Abatement Committee: The Abatement Committee is concerned about follow up after the Huddle and suggested that there be neighborhood phone trees. They proposed two names: "Graffiti Gone Now", and "Clean It Now".

Education Committee: The Education Committee recommended that the "Graffiti Hurts" curriculum for 5th and 6th graders be recommended to the School Superintendent as a best practice for anti-graffiti education. It will be a discussion and action item on the January 2009 agenda and the curriculum will be sent to board members for review.

Law Enforcement Committee: The Law Enforcement Committee feels that the public needs to be better educated about how to report graffiti.

9. **Old Business:**

Rebecca Delgado Rottman reported on the Super Huddle Planning Committee's recommendations, and distributed a draft program outline. She announced that Thursday, April 23 was the proposed date for the event. Jean Ellingsen expressed concern that the current board's terms would be up at the beginning of April. It was suggested that service clubs such as the Rotary and Lions Clubs be contacted

10. **New Business**

- The Graffiti Hurts curriculum will be placed on the January 2009 meeting agenda.

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- Staff will prepare a carefully crafted one-page letter to potential participants in the Huddle. The board will review the letter at the January meeting.

Adjournment – John Bitoff adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: There is no December meeting. The next Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 8, 2009** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Goldstone
Recording Secretary

